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The Sacramento Womens' Chorus performs a spirited Christmas concert.

## Mr. Jones Going to Sacramento?

### Calif. Redistricting May Mean First Openly Gay Legislator

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO—A new reapportionment plan as the state Supreme Court masters coupled with the defeat of liberal Mayor Art Agnos by conservative former Police Chief Frank Jordan has thrown the political future of this city into turmoil with the possibility of the city sending the first openly gay or lesbian legislator to the state Assembly. And the name most often being mentioned to challenge Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) in the newly remapped 13th District is Cleve Jones, founder of the Names Project Quilt.

Brown's district used to split the city's highly organized gay communities virtually in two, making it almost impossible for a gay or lesbian candidate to win a seat in the state Assembly. The new 13th District, as it's been proposed, combines those various neighborhoods and may be made up of perhaps as much as 40 percent gay and lesbian voters. Several influential political consultants have reportedly already spoken with Jones about the possibility of taking on Brown for the seat.

Jones, who has in the past indicated an interest in running for the state Assembly, is keeping mum for now about any immediate plans for a run in the 13th District but is expected to announce his decision shortly. But political insiders here agree he is the gay community's

best prospect for a run.

Nationally known because of the Names Project, he could, politicians say, doubtless raise the enormous campaign funds it would take to run in an Assembly race. And while others—notably Supervisors Roberta Achtenberg and Carole Migden—have also been mentioned as prime candidates from the community, both may have suffered political damage, even among gay and lesbian voters, by supporting the failed re-election campaign of Agnos which Jones escaped.

In fact, between the defeat of Agnos by a conservative former chief of police and the re-carved city districts, the once-powerful Burton political machine itself may be on the way into history.

The proposed remapping actually finds Burton now located in a district that predominately voted for the conservative Jordan, and many analysts say Burton may have a very tough time convincing his new constituents to return him to the Assembly in 1992 at all. Agnos' miserable showing in the Nov. 5 election with only 28 percent of the vote and loss Dec. 10 to Jordan makes his political career in city politics dubious at best for the foreseeable future. And Brown has come under increasing criticism for his sometimes high-handed approach as the Speaker of the Assembly.

Gay political consultant Dick Pabich said of the proposed Assembly remap plan, "We couldn't have asked for better."▼

## Pow! Bif! Kablaam! Comic Book Superhero Comes Out

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

"We're here, we're queer ... and we're even superheroes." That may not be one of the more familiar chants of gay activists in the streets, but in mid-January a Marvel Comics character in the eight-year series, "Alpha Flight," will publicly come out of his super-closet and reveal that, as activists have said for years, gays and lesbians are everywhere.

The "Alpha Flight" comic books include eight superheroes who are "Canada's own superhero team, dedicated to protecting their native land from threats beyond the scope of conventional authorities" and one of the characters—the square-jawed, super-fast mutant known as Northstar—will be coming out of the closet at a news conference in the March 1992 issue scheduled to be shipped out at the beginning of the year to some 80,000 readers.

According to Chris Cooper, an assistant editor at New York's Marvel Comics, Northstar, who zooms around faster than lightning to defeat the forces of evil and save the world, has always been gay. He was just never quite up-front about it even though "it's been hinted at for ever," says Cooper, who is himself gay.

"Northstar has been gay since his inception," Cooper said. "Before I was even working in comics I read them and when I read the second issue of 'Alpha Flight' I immediately thought, hmmm, that character is gay. From day one he was conceived of as gay. Now it's just going to be out in the open."

Like many comic book icons, Northstar dashes around in a skin-

tight body suit that amply displays his abundant musculature which Cooper explains comes from the character's background as a former Olympic gold medal athlete.

As the first Marvel Comic superhero to come out, Northstar is news. His sexual orientation was even talked about on a recent Pat Robertson TV show. But for gays, there's about a much surprise in the revelation as when America learned—gasp!—about Rock Hudson and Liberace.

Ask anyone who's gay and they'll tell you there has always been loose talk about the sexual orientation of some of America's best-known comic book superheroes. After all, when two guys with bulging muscles in ultra-tight tights buddy around together for years without showing the slightest interest in women ... well, even the straightest male bonding has limits.

It doesn't take a psychoanalyst to see that the relationship between the dynamic duo of Batman and Robin was "special." And didn't you ever find it just a little unheterosexual for Superman (and his alter ego Clark Kent) to keep putting Lois Lane off despite her repeated attempts to kindle a bit of romance? Did anyone ever really believe all those guys in snazzy spandex suits and Soloflex physiques were celibate?

Comic book readers have grown up quite a bit in the past decade or so and the creators of the characters that serve as super-icons for hundreds of thousands of teenage boys—and growing numbers of girls—have accepted that even mutant superheroes live in the real world. And that includes the world where six out of every 10 teenagers

—the primary consumers of comics books—become sexually active before their 18th birthday.

Cooper says Northstar's sexual orientation has already generated some reader response, much of it positive, some not so keen on the idea.

"In the March issue [where Northstar officially comes out], we're also printing two letters from readers talking about it," Cooper said in a telephone interview from New York. "One reader's letter is supportive and says all his gay friends are looking forward to it. The other says he doesn't think any superheroes should be gay."

But for Cooper—and for Marvel as well—Northstar's sexual orientation was settled from the beginning.

"Anyone who's been reading 'Alpha Flight' for any length of time, unless they're really naive, knows that Northstar is gay," Cooper said. "There was one point where a character—and this may sound weird, but things like this happen in comic books—one character became a woman for a little while. She's having a conversation with Northstar who says, 'I have to admit I preferred you as a man.' And the other character replies, 'Oh, I had no idea you felt that way' or something like that. So it's been pretty obvious for a while."

After 106 issues of "Alpha Force," what prompts Northstar to come out of his closet? In a word: AIDS.

Although Northstar isn't infected, he finds an abandoned baby

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# Cracker Barrel Sues Gays and Lesbians

Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. has intensified its actions against the gay and lesbian community by suing activists who have protested the family-style eateries' anti-gay employment policy. The chain also moved to prevent gay and lesbian activists who own stock in the company from attending its annual shareholders' meeting.

On November 21, Cracker Barrel filed a suit seeking damages from organizers of non-violent protests in Georgia and Tennessee. Activists view the recent Cracker Barrel actions as an escalation of hard-line tactics against the gay and lesbian community.

In early 1991, Cracker Barrel fired at least nine gay and lesbian workers for violation of company policy which states it is inconsistent with the chain's "traditional American values . . . to employ individuals . . . whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values."

A statement claiming the policy was "a well-intentioned over-reaction" was later released by Cracker Barrel. But after months of demonstrations at the restaurants none of the dismissed employees has been re-hired nor has

any restitution been made.

Ivy Young, Director of the NGLTF Families Project, was one of the defendants named in the suit. Also named were Lynn Cothren, Larry Pelligrini, Joe and Goldie Criscuolo, Stan Mobley, Gerry Earwood, all of Queer Nation Atlanta; Donna Christy, Tennessee Cracker Barrel Boycott Coalition; the Cracker Barrel Protest Coalition; and "John and Jane Doe."

The stockholders' meeting was held on November 26 at the company's headquarters in Lebanon, TN. Gay activists who own Cracker Barrel stock were delayed from entering until the meeting was almost over.

"We are investigating the possibility of hitting Cracker Barrel with a counter-suit for federal securities violations, claims of malicious prosecution and abuse of process," said Ettelbrick. "It's essential that we challenge this homophobic abuse of corporate power." Cracker Barrel stock is traded in the National Market System under the NASDAQ symbol CRBL.

The City of New York, which has \$3 million in pension funds invested in Cracker Barrel, sent a representative to the meeting to get a clarification of the current policy.

Earlier this year, trustees of the pension fund voted to ask Cracker Barrel to adopt a policy barring discrimination against gays and lesbians. The pension fund also asked Cracker Barrel to inform them of steps taken to compensate the terminated employees.

At the meeting, Patrick Doherty, the NYC pension fund representative, questioned Cracker Barrel chairman and president Daniel Evins, who responded by saying the policy was never a corporate-wide policy and that the employees were not fired for being gay. Evins also released a statement claiming the firm, "is an equal opportunity employer that adheres to the letter and the spirit of non-discrimination in the workplace."

However, NGLTF has the termination forms for two employees, one of which states, "The employee is gay," and the other, "Violation of company policy on homosexuals."

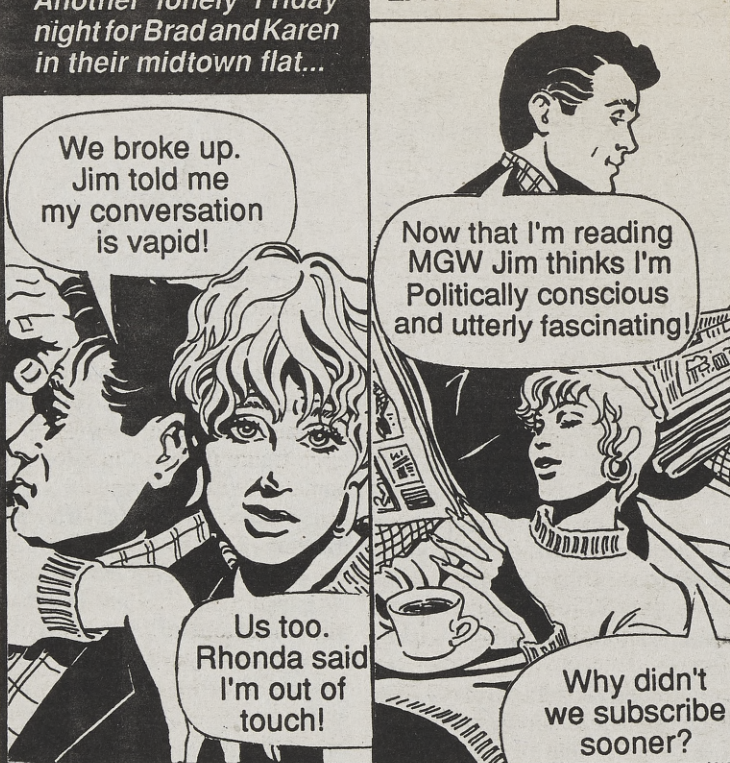
National media interest in Cracker Barrel intensified recently when ABC's 20/20, CNN's Larry King Live and other media covered the story. On Larry King, Queer Nation/Atlanta Chair Lynn Cothren, one of the defendants in the suit, displayed items carried in Cracker Barrel gift shops that adjoin the restaurant, including a "Black Mammy" doll.

Activists are urged to contact NGLTF for more information about the ongoing campaign against Cracker Barrel. Write NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009. (202) 332-6483. ▼

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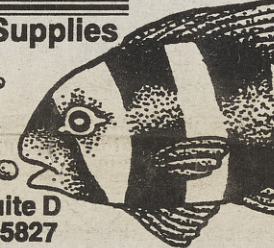
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## Superhero Comes Out

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with AIDS, the child of a dead woman who was an IV-drug user, and decides to draw public attention to the epidemic by revealing his own sexual orientation.

Cooper describes the story line as "a little sappy." That may be true, but it's no more melodramatic than the stunning revelation by another superhero, Magic Johnson, of his HIV status for exactly the same reason.

And if there was a lesson in Johnson's disclosure, it's pretty much the same for Northstar's coming out: that superheroes can be at risk, too. ▼



## A Shift to the Right in the 'Gay Mecca'? Conservative Ex-Cop Lands S.F. Mayor's Job Over Pro-Gay Liberal

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — In a stunning election upset that conservatives say illustrates the growing inability of liberal Democrats to hold together the progressive coalitions they have depended on in the past, particularly the votes of gays and lesbians, former Police Chief Frank Jordan won the Dec. 10 runoff race, defeating liberal incumbent Art Agnos to become the next mayor of San Francisco.

With all the precincts reporting, Jordan had polled 102,173 votes (or 51.7 percent) to Agnos' 95,269 (or 48.2 percent), less than an 7,000 vote difference.

Polling results—including the largest number of absentee ballots ever in a city election—suggested many gay voters sat out the battle between Jordan, backed by the city's Republican Party, the Log Cabin Club and many of the leading real estate interests, and Agnos, whose single term as mayor apparently alienated and angered large segments of the city's highly organized and politically active lesbian/gay community.

During the Nov. 5 election, Jordan's first place showing with 32 percent of the vote over Agnos' 28 percent, shocked much of the city's political establishment which hasn't had a conservative mayor in decades and hasn't elected any mayor since the 1970's without the solid support of gay and lesbian voters.

But despite Agnos' long-standing backing of gay rights issues, both as a former state assemblyman and as mayor, Agnos' mayoral administration gained a reputation among gay politicians as aloof, inaccessible and vindictive. That disenchantment led ultimately to a deep and bitter split in the gay vote in November when two other progressive candidates got large shares of gay support in what was described as an "anyone-but-Agnos" election.

When the dust settled after the Nov. 5 race and voters faced a choice between Jordan and Agnos, many gays and lesbians apparently decided just to sit out the whole thing even with widespread distrust and dislike of Jordan by gays.

Jordan and his campaign staff have repeatedly denied he is anti-gay, but he is reported to have regularly attended luncheon meetings of a right-wing, anti-gay organization called Cops for Christ before he became chief of police.

Also, following the Nov. 5 election results, Jordan supporters outside his campaign headquarters were quoted in press reports as saying, "Now we'll kick those faggots out of City Hall."

But gay supporters of Jordan say he can't be held responsible for what some of his supporters may say, and point to the gay sensitivity training program and the creation of a gay liaison in the police department created while Jordan was chief as a better indicator of his willingness to work with the community. As the election entered its final weeks, Jordan also indicated he would approve a needle-exchange program in the city to help fight HIV infection among IV drug users, a plan his supporters point out that Agnos refused to endorse.

Despite concerns among some activists about Jordan's reported luncheons with Cops for Christ and statements by some of his anti-gay followers, the Agnos campaign was unable to generate little more than tepid support in a community that had come to view him as unacceptable as the city's chief executive. Gay Supervisor Harry Britt refused to endorse Agnos and many gay politicians from the Nov. 5 election campaigns of progressive candidates who ran against Agnos, stayed away from his Dec. 10 bid to fend off a Jordan challenge.

Without a solid base of support in the lesbian/gay community, Agnos' campaign was unable to keep Jordan and his moderate and conservative backers from taking the Dec. 10 election by four percentage points.

And even though the Agnos campaign worked frantically to mend some very nasty fences with the lesbian and gay community that had gotten smashed up, it was clear following the Nov. 5 election debacle that many of the city's gay political leaders were more willing to risk four years of Jordan than to face four more years of an unpopular Agnos administration.

But the general disillusionment of gays with Agnos may not have been the only factor that led to the seemingly abrupt rightward shift in a city that was once considered a bastion of liberal, progressive politics. In fact, there have been signs for several years that, like much of America, San Francisco voters—including gays and lesbians—were also becoming more conservative too.

Three years ago San Francisco

voters narrowly passed by a 51-49 percent margin an initiative in support of home-porting the USS Missouri over bitter opposition by gays and other liberal voters here who wanted to embarrass the military because of its anti-gay policies. In 1989, by about the same narrow margin, conservatives were able to toss out the city's first domestic partner ordinance. After a decade of increasing gay power among liberals, conservative voters were successful in thwarting gay rights issues, even in this "gay mecca."

Even the city's lesbian/gay community, once perceived as uniformly liberal, has also shown indications of a more moderate and rightward shift. The Log Cabin Club here, which endorsed Jordan, has been highly successful during the past few years in signing up new lesbian and gay Republicans in a city where the GOP usually hasn't even bothered putting up its own candidates. And three years ago one of the city's weekly gay papers—the Sentinel—was purchased by a card-carrying conservative who gave lesbian and gay Republicans, for the first time in the city's history, a sympathetic editorial and journalistic home base.

Following the Nov. 5 election, T.J. Anthony, a gay campaign aide to Richard Hongisto who had challenged Agnos in that race, summed up perhaps the frustration of many activists: "The [negative] feelings against the mayor are so severe that it will take more than 30 days of political ideologizing to get past people's feelings of hurt and betrayal," he said. "What is there for activist liberal voters? There may be nothing."

But for San Franciscans—conservatives or progressives, gays or straights, like it or not—there will be, at least for the next four years, ex-cop and now Mayor-elect Frank Jordan. ▼

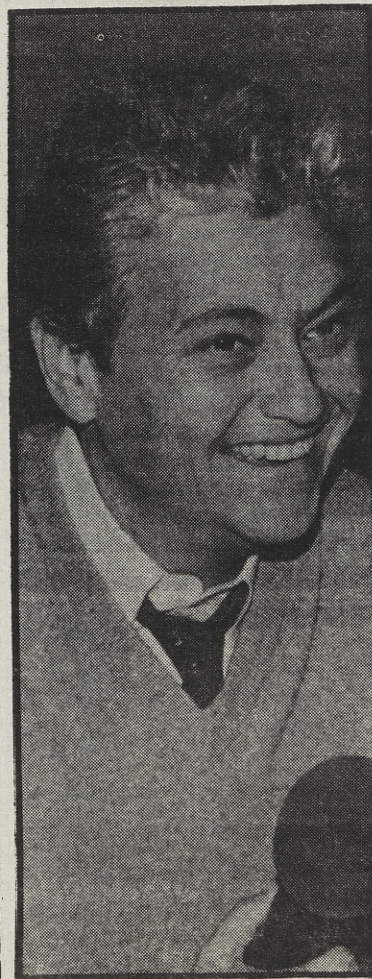


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### "Anger Into Action"

Political activist Jean Harris spoke at "The Conference" at the Metropolitan Community Church on December 14, 1991.

by John Batchelor  
OF MGW STAFF

1992! With the new year underway, it's a time to traditionally look back with reflection. It's also a time to look ahead with bright promise. At times the struggle to just survive seems hopeless. However we *are* surviving, sometimes inch by inch, and we will continue to survive and grow. ▼

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Where are the suspenders? That's the question everyone is asking Lu Agosta! Apparently Lu has been sporting some leather finery that has the town all abuzz. We are all wondering if the suspenders were a gift and if so from whom? ▼

Best wishes to Wayne Randall as he journeys to new adventures in the state of Oregon. Wayne is a musician extraordinaire. He has made the move away from administration at Macy's to pursue his true talents. ▼

Happy January Birthdays to our illustrious MGW publisher Linda Birner, Tracy McBroom, Joanna Cassese, Stephen Scott, Michael Mary Addison and Charlotte Williams. ▼



Photo by Brian Ashby

Helena Hollday gives tribute to the late Judy Garland at the Romanovsky & Phillips concert.

Mr. Flash caught the second half of Romanovsky & Phillips (R&P) at the Crest Theatre. What an incredible venue for this inspiring duo. R&P have been performing music that wakes up my soul for nearly ten years. Even with our close proximity to the bay area, there are few performers who address the concerns of the gay community and women's issues so vividly. To order their music call 1-800-47 FRUIT. Many thanks to Chuck Vickers and Progressive Praise Productions for producing this concert. ▼

The GQ Clothes the Homeless national clothing drive brought in 49 tons of used clothing from more than 17,000 advertising agency employees in five cities. Twenty-three tons of clothing were collected in New York, seven tons in Detroit, ten in Chicago, seven in Los Angeles and two in San Francisco. The response was so "overwhelming" that the magazine plans to make the GQ Clothing Collective an annual event, according to Publisher Michael Clinton. ▼

The Lambda Players kick off their new season with the *Heidi Chronicles*. The shows take place at the Lambda Center on Saturdays and Sundays, January 8-February 16. This Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning play charts the 1965-to-present experiences of a feminist art historian and her friends and lovers. Come visit Sacramento's version of Theatre Rhino. ▼

In the spirit of giving River City Democratic Club (RCDC) collected gifts over the holiday. The recipients were families living in poverty served by the Wellspring Women's Center. ▼

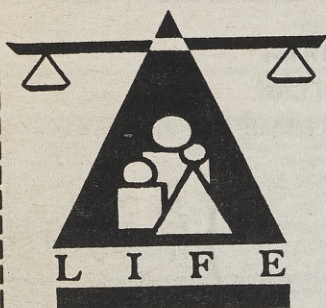
If you are finding this winter too cold, warm it up with "Hot SLCC Nights" (Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change) beginning January 17. Call 448-3130 for more information. And if you have ever experienced PHS (Post Holiday Syndrome) SLCC is having a recovery dance for men and women on January 25. ▼

Reports of several prominent lesbians, Mary Smith and Marghe Covino were seen beating up a large figure in the front yard of a home in West Sacramento. The excuse was birthday celebration for Mary Smith but we know she stopped having those a long time ago. And why did Paul Davis of the Town House need to take food to Marghi's home that day? Has the Italian chef lost her cooking talents, or was she too busy cheating at "Pin the Tail on the Donkey?" The really sad part was when the men in the group took first prize in the hula hoop contest. ▼

City Swing with Gail Wilson made my dreams come true at the third annual "Hard Candy Christmas" in San Francisco. Sacramento made a strong showing at the big band dance. Attending for the first time were syndicated writer Dell Richards and her other half Andrea Jackson. For anyone who enjoys partner dancing, this 18-piece band will take you to new heights. ▼

As we usher in the new year, keep a positive outlook. Together, women and men, we can continue to make our community strong... ▼

—John



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# FBI Investigating Child Porn Distribution Via Computer Network

by Keith Clark  
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SAN FRANCISCO—A San Francisco Bay Area man has set off a swirl of controversy that has triggered an investigation into the distribution of child pornography through one of the country's computer networks.

Roger Dietz discovered that all it takes to get instant home delivery of explicit child pornography—including scores of digital images of young boys, many engaged in sexual activity with each other—is a personal computer with a telephone modem and a subscription to America Online, a popular national computer network based in a Washington D.C. suburb.

Dietz, a computer professional who lives in Fremont, Calif., recently stumbled across the kiddie porn transmissions and he was outraged by just how easy it is to do by

computer what is illegal by federal law to do by mail.

The computer image originals depict pre-pubescent boys engaged in explicit homosexual acts and can be obtained by members of America Online via their telephone computer modems fairly easily, Dietz says. "Without really working at it and without really actively pursuing pictures, I've got about 30 of them that are children," he said.

The images, scanned into a computer-readable digital format, can be downloaded and later viewed or printed out by subscribers.

Subscribers to America Online pay between \$4 and \$6 an hour to use the service, which gives users access to current news and financial information, computer programs and games, reference materials. Like other large, national computer services, America Online subscribers can even make hotel reservations, send flowers, shop or order airline tickets.

But some America Online subscribers apparently have more on their minds than their next vacation or sending flowers to Mom—or even kiddie porn.

According to Dietz some of the America Online subscribers who have contacted him through the computer network were trying to make sexual contact with underage boys.

"They're trying to network and find young boys to have sex with," Dietz said. "There's no doubt about it."

Asked how he knew they were seeking underage boys for sex, Dietz said, "Because I signed on and told them I was a 13 year old boy. And I've had many, many offers for sex with people from America Online." Dietz is actually 42.

Dietz said he complained late in November to local police about the computer kiddie porn, but was told it would take too much time and effort to try to deal with what was a federal legal problem.

The sexually explicit material is distributed over one section of the well respected 150,000-member computer network operated by Quantum Computer Services Inc., located in Vienna, Va.

Most of the messages and files available through America Online are standard, non-sexual computer bulletin board material and the computer service itself provides no sexually related material. But subscribers to the service can "post" electronic mail messages and files for others on the system, and America Online officials say they do not monitor messages and material transferred by its subscribers.

That may change, however, following the revelations of the child pornography transmissions going on.

Steven Case, president of the company, says he didn't know about the kiddie porn because electronic mail messages are "as private as the United States mail." But after hearing the allegations from Dietz,



## 20th Anniversary Celebrated

Barbara Grier and Donna J. McBride of Nalad Press announce the celebration of their twentieth anniversary on January 28, 1992. To mark the occasion they will hold a week-long event at the location on the Gulf of Mexico with friends from all over the world. Nalad Press, at the same time becomes nineteen years old and forges ahead with plans for another year (the fourth on this busy schedule) with twenty-four new books planned.

Case decided to notify the FBI and let them deal with it.

Case said America Online will "cooperate fully with the FBI in any investigation into the use of America Online for the distribution of kiddie porn."

America Online, one of the nation's newest in a growing field of computer networks like CompuServe and Prodigy, has a fairly large number of lesbian and gay subscribers and even a "Community Center" where gay subscribers can leave messages, news and other information about issues of interest to the community.

Case agreed to make the gay "Community Center" a permanent feature of America Online earlier this year after anti-gay subscribers of the service began harassing lesbians and gays who use the network. When a similar anti-gay outbreak occurred on a different computer network in 1990, that service simply terminated the memberships of most of its lesbian and gay subscribers and made the topic of homosexuality taboo.

The child pornography being distributed through America Online, however, is another issue altogether, Case said, although he said it was unclear what the FBI might be able to do about it. "E-mail [electronic mail] is treated totally privately," he said. "We do not monitor private communication because it's none of our business and we do not want to change that policy any more than you would

want the Postal Service opening your letters. At the same time, America Online does not intend to be a vehicle for distributing child pornography."

If necessary, digital images left on the network may be examined in the future, Case said, if that's what the FBI wants. At the same time, Case pointed out that the computer system itself keeps detailed records of what each subscriber to the service does while on the network and that will make tracking down those responsible for the material fairly easy.

"Presumably," Case added, "the FBI will be able to push the delete button on the kiddie porn computer files" without interfering with the privacy of the service's subscribers.

But that may not be as easy to do legally as it seems.

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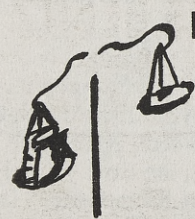
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## Genes Play Role In Orientation Lesbian Minister Named to Presbyterian Church

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

CHICAGO — A study in the December issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry adds to evidence suggesting that genetic structure plays an important role in determining sexual orientation. The study examined 115 twin brothers and 57 adopted brothers of gay men.

Researchers found that 52 percent of the gay men's identical twin brothers were also gay, while 22 percent of the fraternal twin brothers were gay and only 11 percent of the adopted brothers were gay. According to the scientists involved in the study, the findings strongly imply "exactly the kind of pattern" they would expect if homosexuality had a biological or genetic basis.

The scientists concluded that human genes likely work with the social environment to determine sexual leanings, says Dr. Richard Pillard, a University of Boston psychiatrist and one of the report's co-authors. Pillard conducted the study along with J. Michael Bailey, a psychologist at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Their study comes on the heels of an earlier one in which Dr. Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute in San

Diego found that a cluster of brain cells in the hypothalamus, which many scientists say is linked to the sexual drive, is larger in heterosexual men than in gay men.

These studies please some gay rights activists who say homosexuality is innate, and not a choice or an aberration. But other activists say they are troubled by the search for a cause because it implies the need for a cure.

"The political implication is that they could do something so that you're born straight," says John DeCecco, a San Francisco State University psychologist and editor of the "Journal of Homosexuality."

Thomas Stoddard of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, earlier this year expressed similar concerns. "I am suspicious of the motivations that lead to studies of these kinds," Stoddard said of LeVay's findings.

But Pillard denied that a "cause" implies a "cure" and says, "We do not think being gay is a disorder or a disadvantage. Among other things, learning what causes homosexuality also helps us understand what causes heterosexuality, but the search for an etiology in neither case means we are searching for a cure for either."▼

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — A Rochester, N.Y., congregation has become the first member of the Presbyterian Church USA to name an openly gay or lesbian pastor in spite of a long-standing ban on ordaining gay ministers.

The Rev. Jane Spahr, executive director of the Ministry of Light in San Anselmo, Calif., north of San Francisco, is scheduled to become co-pastor on April 1 of the Downtown Presbyterian Church in Rochester. The parish is one of 45 Presbyterian churches around the country known as "More Light Churches" which are open to anyone without regard to sexual orientation.

In 1978 the national Presbyterian Church's general assembly barred ordaining "self-acknowledged, practicing gay and lesbian persons." But in an unusual "grandfather clause," the general assembly also decided that gay or lesbian ministers ordained before 1978 could remain active in the clergy. Spahr, a graduate of Penn State University and the San Francisco Theological Seminary, was or-

dained in 1974.

The Rev. Rosemary Mitchell, who will be one of Spahr's three co-pastors at the Rochester church, said the national church has evaded the issue, especially the question of an already ordained openly gay or lesbian minister working as a pastor in one of its churches. "It's never been tested," she said. "We hope the definitive guidance of the 1978 general assembly will be respected and upheld."

Spahr, a highly respected community leader in Marin County

where her current ministry is located, resigned under pressure her position with the Oakland Council of Presbyterian Churches in 1980 after she declared her sexual orientation. In 1982 she started the successful Ministry of Light in Marin County, Calif., serving lesbians and gays. Spahr also served as a minister with San Francisco's Metropolitan Community Church and as assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael, Calif.

Spahr said of her appointment to the Rochester ministry, "This is an important step for Presbyterians and for all people who believe in claiming and celebrating the wonder of diversity in our world."▼

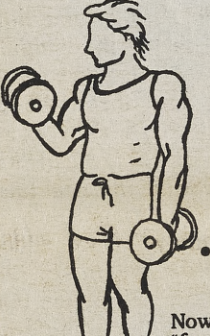
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While it is against federal and state laws to transmit or possess child pornography, it is also a violation of federal electronic privacy laws for a computer on-line service to inspect the contents of subscriber's private electronic mail without a warrant.

Michael Godwin, an attorney with the non-profit Electronic Frontier Foundation, a computer-user advocacy group, said, "They [America Online] need to have the government seek the file with a

subpoena or warrant if they want to examine the contents."

A spokeswoman for the San Francisco office of the FBI said Dietz had contacted them and was forwarding copies of the digital images that had been sent to him as private messages on America Online and that if they do indeed appear to violate federal child pornography laws the agency would investigate. The FBI also indicated the computer service had also contacted their headquarters in Washington D.C. and indicated their desire to cooperate in any FBI investigation.▼



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## 'World AIDS Day' Observed

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO—World AIDS Day, Sunday, Dec. 1, was marked by some 160 nations around the globe in an effort to promote treatment and increased awareness of the epidemic. In Paris, the City of Light, people placed hundreds of candles in their windows and at the foot of the Eiffel Tower to commemorate those who have died of the disease. A huge Christmas tree was also decorated with hundreds of hand-made ornaments symbolizing some 800 children now infected with HIV in the country, and an estimate 2,000 people joined ACT UP/Paris in a march through the city's streets to memorialize those who have died. In Moscow, dozens of gays and lesbians handed out American-made condoms and

AIDS information packets in front of the city hall building. In Lisbon, Portuguese college students passed out condoms in busy shopping centers in the city. Panels from the Names Project AIDS Quilt hung at the Tel Aviv University in Israel while activists also handed out condoms and AIDS information to students and faculty. In London, Princess Diana was the guest of honor at a benefit dance to raise funds and a chapel was dedicated as a AIDS sanctuary for prayers. At the American University at Cairo, students were shown a videotape of Magic Johnson talking about being infected with HIV and his concerns that young people take precautions when having sex. In Brussels, Belgium, following a quiet candlelight memorial on Sunday, the fourth National Medical Confer-

ence on AIDS began on Monday, Dec. 2. The annual international event is coordinated to begin following World AIDS Day "to emphasize the need for medical and treatment solutions to the disease." In this country, the New York Museum of Modern Art hung 13 framed, blank canvases to "represent all the works of art that will never be shown" because of AIDS. At the Art Institute of Chicago, the museum left a blank spot on the wall where Claude Monet's "On the Seine at Bennecourt" normally hangs to jar people into realizing the potential impact of the epidemic. In San Francisco, New York and in other major cities around the country for a second year in a row, light in the skylines were turned out for 15 minutes to commemorate a "Night Without Light."▼

## Riverside Anti-Gay Law Tentatively Unconstitutional

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A preliminary ruling Wednesday, Nov. 27, by the state Court of Appeal has found that a Riverside, Calif., law removing gays and lesbians from the city's anti-discrimination legislation is a violation of the constitutional guarantees of equal protection under the law.

The law, passed by a voter initiative backed by fundamentalists and conservatives in Riverside earlier this year, specifically removes sexual orientation from a municipal civil rights ordinance, prohibits the city from enacting any legislation concerning sexual orientation without prior voter approval, repealed existing AIDS anti-discrimination protections, and barred the city's community relations commission from acting to reduce bias based on either sexual orientation or AIDS.

In an unusually strong tentative directive, the appellate court advised attorneys in the case that "based solely on written arguments" the measure excluding gays and lesbians and people with AIDS from civil rights protections was unconstitutional.

The court's unusually blunt preliminary ruling does not overturn the law but is intended to advise attorneys on both sides of the case what legal issues they should be prepared to address when the court hears oral arguments which are scheduled to begin on Dec. 4.

The preliminary advisory, however, does suggest the law will face an up-hill battle before the court.

A similar law was also narrowly approved by voters in Concord, Calif., in November and is already facing two similar legal challenges.▼

## Singer's Suit Over AIDS Story Blocked

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO—A U.S. Court of Appeals panel Tuesday, Dec. 11, upheld by a 3-1 decision a lower court ruling that British singer Engelbert Humperdinck can not sue the tabloid newspaper "National Enquirer" because of a 1988 story claiming, apparently without justification, that he suffers from an AIDS-related illness.

The court upheld a Los Angeles court decision that the "National Enquirer" story represented a "fair and true" report based on a 1988 paternity suit against the singer. In that New York proceeding, a woman filed a court statement that Humperdinck was infected with HIV and suffered an illness related to AIDS.

The Appeals Court agreed with the lower court ruling that the tabloid's story was based on the woman's sworn affidavit and was an accurate report to the extent the

"National Enquirer" could determine.

Humperdinck's attempted libel suit charged the report was an "utter fabrication" that harmed his career. When Humperdinck first challenged the "Enquirer" story, he submitted to an HIV blood test for the paper which it later reported as indicating he was not infected with HIV.

Even so, the paper refused to retract its original story, and Humperdinck attempted to sue.

Last year the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles ruled against Humperdinck and blocked the lawsuit.

Appeals Court Judge Harry Pregerson dissented from the majority ruling, saying that a jury should decide the issue, not the court.

Humperdinck's attorneys were unable to say whether Humperdinck, who is a British citizen, would appeal the ruling further.▼

## Bobette Gives Support To Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, with offices in Auburn and Grass Valley, has accepted a major contribution from Bobette of the Mercantile Saloon. Money was raised through one of Bobette's famous taco sales at the Mercantile.

Bill Rau, Executive Director of the AIDS Foundation, stated, "The importance of this fund-raising effort cannot be underestimated. HIV disease is very evident in rural counties and Bobette is the first in Sacramento to help with any efforts directed toward persons with

HIV disease living outside the city. We cannot fight any part of this battle alone. We are proud to have such an ally on our side."

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation currently serves clients in Placer, Nevada, Amador, Calaveras and Sacramento Counties with case management and other services. A volunteer corps offers emotional and practical support to HIV positive persons. Anyone interested in offering support or becoming a volunteer may call the Foundation at 1-800-655-2437.▼

## America's Theatre Joins Equity Fights AIDS in Fundraising

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ardent appreciation of the opera and symphonic music. His generous and hospitable nature prompted him to entertain his friends often with his gourmet cooking skills and sense of humor. Most of all, Mark was known for his kind and loving disposition, which will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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Contributions may be addressed to The Tribute Fund, In Memory of Mark Abramson, Sacramento Symphony, 77 Cadillac Drive, #101, Sacramento, CA 95825 or The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

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### Concord Repeals Gay Rights

An initiative to repeal gay rights passed in Concord by the narrowest of margins, 50.2 percent. However, it's fundamentalist sponsor was not elected for a seat on the Concord City Council. A law suit to overturn the anti-gay Measure M was announced by a group of human rights organizations. They included the Black Families Assn., NOW, Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, Diablo Valley Peace Center, and Japanese-American and Latino groups. The anti-gay measure is considered unconstitutional by the city's attorneys and is predicted to have a long and expensive battle ahead.

—Sentinel

### Boy George And The Gay Press

Though Boy George likes lesbian and gay money, he does not seem to like the gay and lesbian press. The photographer of the newspaper, Bay Area Reporter, had an altercation with a member of George's entourage after his performance at DV8 in November. Though the photographer had a verbal agreement to meet with the star after his concert, she was not allowed near him. As she was attempting to take photos her lens was blocked and she was knocked out of the way. Only "fabulous, adorable drag queens and really cute boys" could gain entrance to see him as he was holed up in a separate room.

—B.A.R.

### Martina and Magic Johnson: Double Standards

Tennis champion Martina Navratilova stated that if she were to come down with the HIV virus, she would not get public sympathy as Magic Johnson did, because she is a lesbian. She told the New York Post that the public is accepting of Magic getting the HIV virus because he supposedly got it through

heterosexual contact. She also added that if a heterosexual woman who had been sexually with hundreds of men and had contracted the HIV virus she would have been labeled a whore and publicly or financially ruined for life.

—B.A.R.

### Last Lesbian Bar in San Francisco

On November 16, 1991 San Francisco bid farewell to its last predominantly lesbian bar. Amelia's has been host to thousands of women since it opened its doors in 1978. Amelia's is also one of the most famous bars for women in the nation. It has been visited by visitors from around the country and the world. Two years ago it's sister bar, Maud's, closed after 23 years of operating.

—B.A.R.

### Halloween Night Police Tactics Anger Community

D.C. Gay Activists and Council Members called for the immediate suspension of the D.C. Police officials who ordered other officers to use force in dispersing a crowd of Gays. The Gays who assembled on Halloween Night had congregated to watch an annual high heel race they thought had been scheduled for the night. Instead they were attacked by police officers donning helmets and night sticks.

—Washington Blade

### First Black Lesbian to Win Office

Sherry Harris won the Seattle City council election and became the first black open Lesbian to win a political office in this country's history. Nadine Smith, the only other Black open Lesbian who attempted to run for City council in Florida lost in early October. Sherry Harris beat her opponent, Sam Smith, by receiving 45 percent of the votes.

—Washington Blade

## Gay Monument in Sydney

The City council of South Sydney voted to have a monument erected in tribute to the victims of homophobia. It will be erected in Green Park in the gay neighborhood Dalinghurst. Members of the gay and lesbian Holocaust Monument Committee want this "Stonewall Garden" to remember gay victims of homophobic killers down through the ages.

—Frontiers

### "Dancer" Banned in South Africa

It was recently learned that Andrew Holleran's *Novel Dancer from the Dance* is still banned by the Publications Control Board. It was discovered to be banned when a bookseller placed an order overseas for the novel. The book has been resubmitted to authorities to see if it meets 1991 standards. The gay newspaper *EXIT* said that it believes that the book may have been shocking to the public in the 70's but its sexual content should be acceptable by 1990 standards.

—Frontiers

## news

## Business Is Anything But Booming For California Phone-Sex Lines

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO — Responsibility for billings to X-rated adult telephone services in California, known as dial-a-porn, has been completely turned over to the operators of the sex-lines, according to Gary McBee, executive vice president of Pacific Bell, who says the telephone company did its last billings for the sexually oriented 900- and 976- exchanges on Oct. 15. And business at the once-thriving steamy phone-sex business is facing a serious economic crunch, according to figures released by the telephone carrier.

Estimated only a few years ago to generate about \$1 billion annually in pay-per-call revenues, Pacific Bell says it logged 712,000 calls to the numbers within California in January 1989. But by January 1990, McBee said, that number had dwindled to 350,000 - a 49 percent drop in calls. As of August, the latest period Pacific Bell had records available on the lines in the state, that number had dropped to an all-time low of only 160,000

calls - downturn of 78 percent in less than three years.

In addition, following an Aug. 20 ruling in U.S. District Court here giving them permission, Pacific Bell notified its 198 phone-sex operators that it would be discontinuing all billings to the numbers after mid-October and that they would have to find other ways to collect for the calls placed to their lines.

Most, according to McBee, had opted to go out of business entirely. He said all but 50 of the 198 had disconnected their telephone services or had switched to other, non-sexual telephone operations.

McBee said those that have remained in business in California have been forced to use credit-card billings or other means to collect for calls.

Several other local telephone companies around the country are also fighting in court to stop billings for the phone services. The nation's three leading long-distance carriers, AT&T, MCI and US Sprint, stopped billing for calls to the number through its long-distance lines during the past year.

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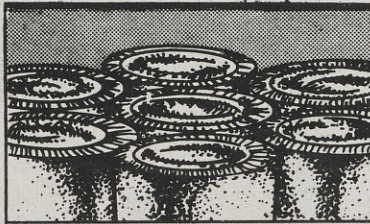
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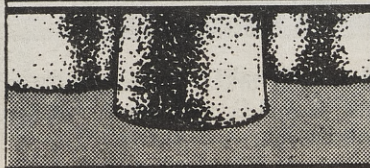


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LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT, 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael 95608, 965-685, Legislation Hotline, 394-3103

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW) Box 1404, Sac. 95807, 442-3414, 443-3470 Meetings: 3rd Wed. 7 PM, Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St.

SACRAMENTO AREA COALITION FOR OUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS (SACORR) Box 19261, Sac. 95819, 763-7705

SACRAMENTO GAY AND LESBIAN TOWN COUNCIL, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185, 2nd Wed. 7pm

STONEWALL ALLIANCE OF CHICO Box 8855, Chico 95927, Eric 916-343-8767

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ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS MCC Church, 35th and Broadway, Sac., Sat., 12:30 - 2:00 PM (Second Floor)

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd, Sac., Sun., 4:30 PM

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (Gay Meetings) North Hall, 454-1100 For Schedule

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MCC Church, 35th and Broadway, Sac. Daily, 8:00pm, 454-4762 For List And Schedule

AL-ANON MCC Church, 35th and Broadway, Sac. Wed., 8:00pm, 454-4762

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, 448-2951

CODA Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Sac. Thurs., 7pm

CO-DEPENDENTS OF ALCOHOLICS Friends Comm. Church (Basement), 40th and E St., Sac. Mon., 8:00pm, 454-3135

DEBTORS ANONYMOUS 9616 Micron Avenue (Off Bradshaw) Thurs., 7 - 8:30pm

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Sac., (Second Floor) Fri., 8:00pm

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STOP SMOKING CARES CLINIC, 443-3299, Tues., 6:30pm

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ACROPOLIS (Gay and Bisexual), 967-5817, 24 FO

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DAVIS WOMENS READING CIRCLE Christine 758-2875 4th Thurs., Call For Location

LATINOS ORGANIZED FOR CULTURAL AWARENESS IN SACRAMENTO Robert, 444-3091

LOCAL ARTISTS FOR CHARITY EVENTS (LACE) Box 732, Sac., 442-3734 Ext. 732, Aiki Jaye

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 2131 Capitol Ave. #206, Sac., 95816 4th Wed., 6:30pm City Hall, 444-6903

LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT 1370 Mission St., San Francisco 94103

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LAMBDA COMMUNITY CENTER 1931 L St., Sac. 95816, 442-0185

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CARES 2710 Capital Avenue, Sac. 95816 443-3299

CONFIDENTIAL TESTING AND DRUG TREATMENT, The Effort 446-6467- Appointment, 444-6294- Counseling

EL DORADO AIDS TASK FORCE Box 547, Placerville 95667 4th Monday, 7:00 PM, Security Bank Annex Dick Wright, 916-676-4029

THE POSITIVE GROUP HIV+ USER SUPPORT GROUP, Thurs 10am-12pm 1820 Jst. Phone 444-6996

RIVER CITY MCC CHURCH CENTER MCC Church, 35th and Broadway, Sac., 454-4762 Church, 454-1116 Sponsor

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SIERRA AIDS COUNCIL Box 1062, Sonora 95370, 209-533-2873

SIERRA FOOTHILL AIDS FOUNDATION 12183 Locksley Lane, Auburn 95603 916-889-AIDS

YOLO HOSPICE 211 E St., Davis 95617 Box 1014, Davis 95616 Barbara 758-5566, 372-5863, 666-3774

HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP, First & Third Wed, Beuhler Building, 29th & L St., 7:30-9pm

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BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB Sac., Delta, San Francisco Bay 408-448-1062, 916-972-9317

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HEARING IMPAIRED, 800-AIDS TTY

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DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE 449-5566

LAMBDA LETTERS LEGISLATION HOTLINE 394-3103

PET LOSS-UCD, 752-4200

RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB, 394-3114

SACORR HOTLINE, 763-7705

### MEDIA

BEING GAY TODAY Cable Channel 18 Tuesday 10:00 - 11:00pm, Thurs. 9:00 - 10:00pm Ron Hatch, 392-7025

MCC MINISTRY Cable Channel 17, Sun. 6:30pm, Mon. 1:30pm, Tues. 8:30am

MGW NEWSPAPER 1725 L St., Sac. 95814 916-441-NEWS, 9:00am - 5:00pm weekdays

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LESBIAN MOTHERS GROUP family activities, support group. Sharon 457-5830, Aisha 444-9713

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CALIFORNIA CAPITOL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (CAPPAC) 1008 10th St., #225, 95814, 736-2722, 1st Thurs. 1329 H St. 6pm

GALAPAC Box 46577, W. Hollywood 90046

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EQUALITY (LIFE) 926 J Street, 95814 444-0424, FAX 916-444-3059

RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB (RCDC) Box 161958, Sac., 95816 3rd Monday, 6:30pm Sierra 2 Center, 24th St. and 4th Ave., Judy 429-2806, Lou 689-3318

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SACRAMENTO AREA GAY AND LESBIAN EDUCATORS Box 2712, Elk Grove 95759 Norman Lorenz, 662-8948, Frank Lawler, 485-7960 Tom Harp, 456-6673

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AFFIRMATION UNITED METHODIST FOR LESBIAN AND GAY CONCERNS St Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, W. Sac., 1st Mon., 7:00pm 489-2340

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER 4641 Marconi Ave., Sac. 95825, Sun., 10:15, Pastor Todd Van Laningham 483-5891

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NUDE EXCHANGE (NTE) Box 1624, North Highlands 95660

PILLARS 2nd Fri., 6:30pm, Call For Location, 331-3602

SACRAMENTO AREA WOMENS NETWORK (SACWN) 3rd Fri., 6:30pm, Call For Location Linda Killick: 486-8985

SACRAMENTO WOMENS CENTER 2306 J St., Sac. 95814

SACRAMENTO LEATHER ASSOCIATION Calvin Lindberg, Meets first Tuesday each month at 7pm, 447-3963

SOLANO COUNTY GAY INFORMATION LINE (WOMEN PREFERRING WOMEN) Box 9, Vacaville 95696 Kathy, 707-448-1010, 449-0550

WOMENS RAP GROUPS AND SOCIAL Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Sac. 95814, Mon., 7:00pm, 381-5569

YWCA 1122 17th St., Sac., 95814, 442-4741

### SPORTS

CAMPING WOMEN Box 13261, Sac. 95813 Gail: 689-9326, Camille: 662-0460

GAY GAMES Box 202, New York 10036 212-732-3612, 718-857-1793

GOLDEN STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION Bay Area Chapter, Box 14398, San Francisco 94114-0398, Rodeo Hotline: 415-863-4487

OUTDOORS ADVENTURES (OAS) Box 23113, Sac., 95823 1st Wednesdays, Call For Location, 644-4170

RIVER CITY BILLIARDS LEAGUE Tuesday Practice 6:30pm, 7:30 Play, Call For Location, Judy: 962-1349

RIVER CITY BOWLERS Sun., 6:00pm, Southbowl, Paul: 927-5431

SACRAMENTO ARTS AND GAMES ASSOCIATION (SAGA), Lisa: 369-0975 Carol: 488-9959

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CSUS WOMENS CENTER 6000 J St., Sac. 95819, 278-7388

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MENS COMING OUT GROUP 5:30pm, Mon. Meetings, Call For Location, 442-0185

### SUPPORT GROUPS

LESBIAN MOTHERS GROUP Family activities, support group Sharon 457-5830 Aisha 444-9713

BROTHER TO BROTHER African American Gay/ Bisexual HIV+ / ARCS or AIDS, Mon., 7:00 - 9:00pm, 3501 Broadway, 454-0516, 441-0949

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GAY FATHERS OF SACRAMENTO Box 163672, Sac. 95816

HIV+ / AIDS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer 4641 Marconi Ave., Sac., 1st and 3rd Thurs. 7:00pm, 483-5691

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HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP CARES Clinic 1st and 3rd Wed. (With Facilitator) Buhler Bldg, 2800 L St. (Use 29th Street Entrance) 2nd, 4th and 5th Wed. (Without Facilitator) 2710 Capitol Ave.

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WOMEN WITH HIV+ SAF, 1900 K St., Tue. 6:30pm

SOLANO COUNTY MEN'S GROUP, Solano Lambda Men's Assoc., Vacaville, 2nd & 4th Tue, (707) 448-1010

### WOMEN

WOMENS HEALTH RESOURCE Sutter Health Information Center, 733-3000

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SACRAMENTO LESBIANS CREATING CHANGE (SLCC) Lambda Comm. Ctr. 1935 L St., Sac. 95816, Call For Time

WOMENS COMING OUT GROUP Thursday 6:00 PM Lambda Comm. Ctr. 1935 L St., Sac. 95816, 442-0185

WOMEN'S HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP, weekly 12:15-1:45pm, 448-2437.

### YOUTH

GAY AREA YOUTH SWITCHBOARD Box 846, San Francisco 94101 415-386-GAYS

RIVER CITY MCC YOUTH GROUP Box 245125, Sac. 95824 MCC Social Hall, 3418 Broadway Wed., 7:00pm, 454-4762

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## news

# Duke Doesn't Want Gays In Armed Forces or Schools

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO—In an exclusive but unsurprising interview with a San Francisco television station, Friday, Dec. 6, David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan leader and Republican candidate for the party's presidential nomination said that as "a good Christian" he doesn't approve of homosexuals either in the nation's armed forces or teaching in the nation's schools.

ABC affiliate KGO-TV interviewed Duke, who has said he admired Adolf Hitler, on a wide range of political, economic and social topics, with Duke responding with a now-familiar litany of opposition to affirmative action and welfare programs.



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For information on AIDS and referrals to free and anonymous HIV Antibody Testing, call the AIDS Hotline. Please.

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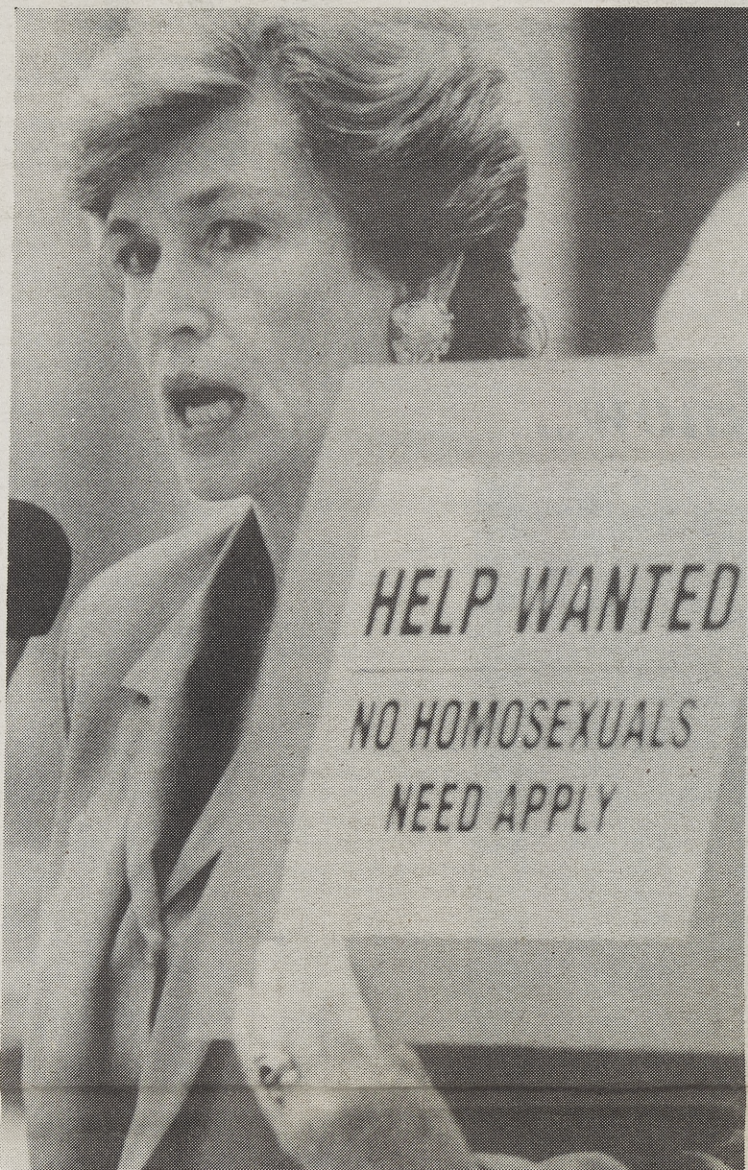


Photo by Brian Ashby  
In an emotional appeal for support of AB101, Senator Bebecca Morgan (R-San Mateo) demonstrates graphically the legacy of discrimination.



Photo by Brian Ashby  
Richard Boriolo's annual climb to the Faces roof to survey the Rainbow Festival.



Photo by Pamela Coffey  
Rosemary Metrailler (left), city council member and friend, Kim Mueller, and Carolyn Langenkamp (right) celebrate Metrailler and Langenkamp law firm's 10th anniversary.



Ernie Brown celebrated his 60th birthday with friends.



Photo by Pamela Coffey  
Don Alger, a friend of Vincent Blades, is comforted at the memorial services in March. Vincent was murdered near 20th and L Streets.



The Hate Crimes Forum panel left to right were Ron Brown, Attorney General, Naya Miller, District Attorney, Gay and Lesbian Liaison from the Sacramento Sheriff's Office, Deputy Chief Lee Dohm, Sacramento Police Department, and Yutzy, Executive Director of the Lambda Center.



A successful rally over the governor's veto of AB101 in October.



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## r In Review



Photo by Art Farmer

ated his 60th birthday among plenty



Photo by Pamela Coffey

on Brown, Anny Bravo, Assistant  
son from the Sacramento County's  
nto Police Department, and Donna



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101 in October.



Photo by Suzle Bulger

During National Coming Out Day, a redecorated state policeman guards the Capitol entrance by the governor's office, amidst the angry crowd over the governor's veto of AB101.



Photo by Pamela Coffey

Representatives of the California Highway Patrol (one of several potential employers) turned out for the Job Faire in April.



# It's A Queer World

by RumbleForeskin  
OF MGW STAFF

"It's a Queer World" is compiled periodically for your amusement, amazement and edification, and consists of odds and ends (well, maybe more odds than ends) worth passing notice.

**'OH, WHAT A FEELING':** A national association of advertising executives that annually hands out awards for best-and-worst type ads, gave an Australian ad firm an award for best rejected ad for a TV spot hawking Toyota's Landcruiser down under. The ad story-line showed out-back travelers whose four-wheel-drive (not a Toyota) broke down, leaving them stranded for several days. The travelers in the ad were forced to take desperate measures as the voice-over and caption revealed: "Get a Landcruiser or drink your own urine." Surprisingly enough, the ad almost ran before Toyota decided against it.

**THIS COULD BE BIGGER THAN GERBILS:** A San Francisco man showed up recently at the University of California Medical Center's emergency room understandably distressed about the five Barbie doll heads lodged in his stomach. Asked by astute medical staff why the doll heads were in his stomach to begin with, the man explained that by passing the heads during a bowl movement was the only way he could find sexual gratification. He told doctors he swallows the Barbie heads regularly and said they usually pass through his system with 24 to 48 hours, but these five, he man explained, hadn't passed in more than two weeks and he was worried. The man was taken to surgery where the Barbie head were removed. The man told hospital staff he is heterosexual - otherwise he would have used heads from Ken dolls.

**THE FALL OF MAN:** Those Canadian psychologists are at it again. At the annual convention of the Society of Neuroscience in November, Canadian psychologist

Doreen Kimura presented findings that suggest that when men get horny, they get dumb. Measuring testosterone levels in a group of men over a period of time, Dr. Kimura found that male hormone levels and sexual desires peak in the fall and bottom out, contrary to convention wisdom, in the spring. Administering psychological tests to measure mental function, Kimura also found the men's raw intelligence also fluctuated from a high level in the spring to its lowest level in the fall. Guess it's something about when it's up it's down, and when it's down can't get it up.

**HEY, IT'S JUST A GAME:** The hottest new board game with Japanese men is called "Human Trash." The "trash" in this case are women. Players gamble with cards representing different types of women. A pregnancy card loses you a turn; a virginity card is worth a lot; and unwanted females can be sold off in Hong Kong. Gosh, what fun. Collect all your friends - trade them into slavery.

**SEMI-FAMOUS LAST WORDS:** San Francisco's legal newspaper, The Daily Journal, reported during the November convention of the California Trial Lawyers Association that one adult theater only a few blocks from the convention site sported a marquee that read: "Attention future Supreme Court nominees! Huge selection of XXX-rated tapes here!" In the November issue of Vogue magazine, author Fran Lebowitz writes, with her usual wry wit, "Undoubtedly the safest sex in the world is having your hair cut. Getting your hair washed is a remarkably sensual experience.

There's attention completely focused on the woman, which is remarkably unlike most sexual experiences." A motorcycle spotted recently in - where else? - San Francisco's tres gai Castro District had the cycle's distinctive "Yamaha" removed from its gas tank and replaced with the shiny chrome emblem of a washing machine: the "Speed Queen" of course.

Readers are encouraged to contribute items that tickle their funny bones (or any other portion of their anatomy) to "It's a Queer World" in care of this newspaper.

## Ice Cube's Message of Anti-Semitism and Racism Condemned

The Sacramento Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) has joined together with the Sacramento Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission to condemn the racism and anti-Semitism contained in the latest release by the rap singer, Ice Cube. In his latest album, "Death Certificate," Ice Cube advocates murder of a Jewish music executive and burning of Korean stores.

The song "No Vaseline" contains the lyrics, "Get rid of that devil, real simple. Put a bullet in his temple. Cause you can't be nigga-for-life crew with a white Jew telling you what to do." On the song, "Black Korea," Ice Cube sings, "So pay respect to the black

fist or we'll burn your store right down to a crisp."

"These lyrics are completely irresponsible," declared Anne Eisenberg, Director of the Sacramento Jewish Community Relations Council. Eisenberg noted that the "anti-Semitism and anti-Asian racism is so overt in 'Death Certificate' that violence against Jews and Koreans by listeners is a real possibility."

Eric Vega, Director of the Sacramento Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission expressed the view that "we are not advocating a boycott of the album. Rather, potential buyers of 'Death Certificate' should know that American society is built on racial tolerance and not on the racial animosity put forth by Ice Cube."

"Ethnic groups need to coexist in a spirit of non-violence," continued Vega, "without fear of being victimized by a hate crime."

Both the JCRC and the Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission emphasized that anti-Semitism and racism can take on many forms. Asserted Eisenberg, "every ethnic group has a responsibility to combat prejudice, racism and anti-Semitism, no matter what the source." ▼

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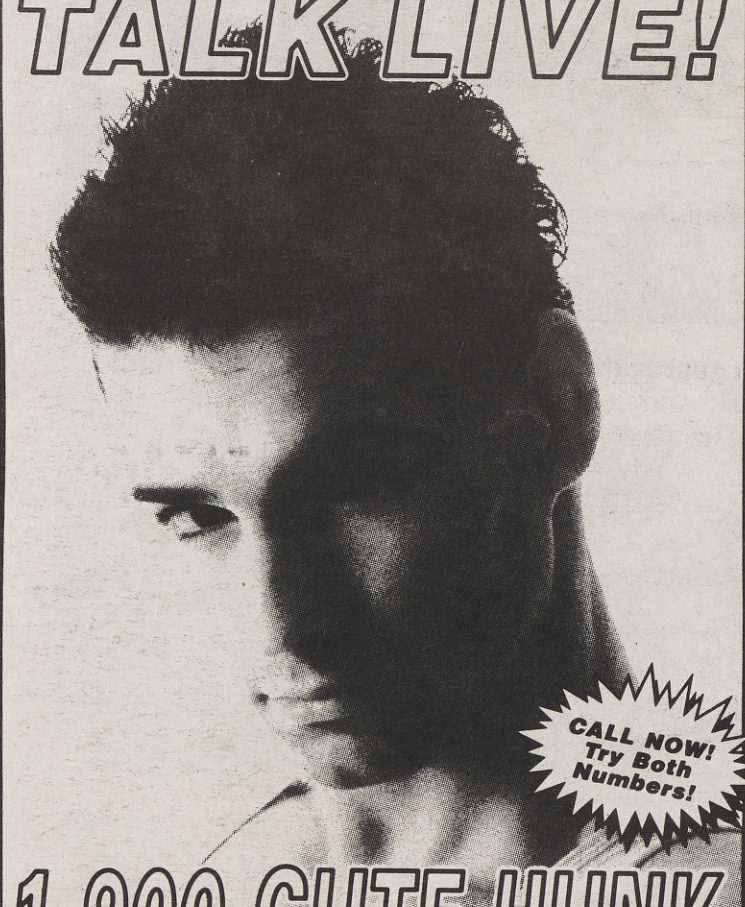
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## sports

# 50-Year-Old Olympic Dispute Over Gender of Track Star May Be Settled

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

NEW ORLEANS — A 56-year-old dispute about whether the 1934 Women's National Championship winner and 1936 U.S. Olympic Track Team member Stella Walsh was or was not a woman ended inconclusively Friday, Dec. 6, when Roxanne Atkins Andersen withdrew her decades-long protest at the annual meeting of The Athletics Congress (TAC), the ruling organization for track and field in this country.

The arcane question rankled some of the Olympic firmament's illustrious ancients—partly because of the sporting world's preoccupation with minute detailed record-keeping, and partly because, as the chief agitator for the re-examination of the record put it before the TAC meeting got under way in December, "fair is fair."

At 79, Andersen, a San Francisco resident, had petitioned TAC to rule on the deceased Walsh's gender. But when Andersen got to the conference and talked with other members of the TAC women's committee, she decided to remove her request for a re-examination of Walsh's right to hold a number of women's track and field titles because of the gender question.

Andersen was reluctant to discuss her reasons for the withdrawal except to say that she felt it was "in the interest of track and of TAC" to not have the question considered.

Andersen was reportedly convinced, however, that the move didn't stand a chance because of certain medical evidence that would likely have played a significant role in any TAC decision on Walsh's gender.

Walsh, born in Poland in 1911 as Stanislaw Walasiewicz, came to this country shortly thereafter, although she retained her Polish citizenship until 1947 when she settled in Cleveland where she worked for the Department of Recreation.

During the 1930s, Walsh won scores of track and field events—65 world records alone. In 1930 she became the first woman to run the 100-yard race in under 11 seconds, and astounded sports buffs not only

by competing in New York's usually all-male Millrose Games but also by winning the 50-yard dash in record time—6.1 seconds. In her first Olympic Games in 1932 she set a record in the 100-meter race, and was part of the 1936 Berlin Olympics that so frustrated Adolf Hitler.

In December 1980, the 69-year-old Walsh was shot to death in a parking lot near a discount store in Cleveland's South Side after being robbed.

The subsequent coroner's report ruled that Walsh had characteristics of both male and female genitalia, and an analysis found that her cells had a majority of typically male chromosomes. At the time, Walsh's estranged husband, Harry Olson, said he and his wife had "only had sex a couple of times" and that Walsh had refused to allow any lights on during their love-making.

Andersen, who had said she had suspected Walsh was a man from the 1936 Olympic Games when Walsh had insisted on a private dressing room although all the other women athletes had to share rooms because of the unexpectedly large turn-out. Walsh's muscular physique—she had a 16 inch neck size—and profuse body hair only added to the doubts Andersen and others had about Walsh's gender.

After Walsh's death and subsequent autopsy, Andersen thought it would simply be a matter of formality for Walsh's women's titles to be stripped from the records. But instead, nothing was done.

Frustrated with decades of inaction on the question, Andersen, who was herself an Olympic track and field winner with the Canadian hurdling team and one of only 141 people voted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame, formally petitioned TAC in 1990 to set the record straight on behalf of one Mildred Fizzell, a woman Andersen had coached and who finished second to Walsh in the 1934 U.S. indoor 50-year dash.

TAC officials refused to discuss Andersen's petition, but one of the reasons Andersen is reported to have withdrawn her petition may have been what the Cleveland coroner was expected to say if called on

by TAC.

Dr. Elizabeth Balraj, the current coroner in Cleveland said earlier this year when she heard about the petition that if she had to decide on Walsh's gender based on the records, she would rule that she was a female with a birth defect known as mosaicism, a condition that clinically describes all the facts in Walsh's case.

"She lived as a female," Balraj said, "she died a female, she made the decision. For me that is enough." If an infant is born today with mosaicism, Balraj said, the parents would decide at birth which social role the child would be raised as and would have surgery to conform to that decision. This, the coroner explained, was not an option in the small Polish village where Walsh was born in 1911.▼

## news

# Job Rights Initiative Gets State OK

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO — The Secretary of State's office formally approved signature gathering for a voter initiative Wednesday, Dec. 4, that could put a ballot measure before California voters to add employment discrimination protections for gays and lesbians in the November 1992 election.

Organizers of the employment protection measure will have to collect 384,974 valid signature before May 4 in order to qualify the initiative for the 1992 election. The measure would make it illegal to discriminate in public sector employment, hiring and promotion because of sexual orientation.

The plan to place such a measure directly before the voters arose

quickly after Gov. Pete Wilson on Sept. 29 vetoed AB-101 that would have added such protections to state law. Rights activists began the initiative process, in part, because a

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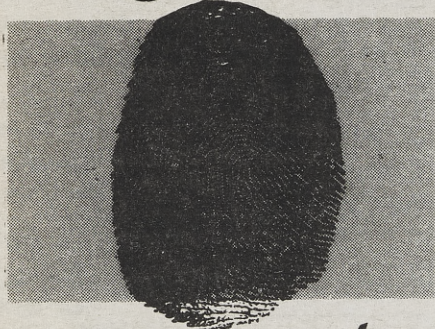
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# San Francisco Opera: Attila Fizzles but Elektra Sizzles

By Wayne R. Anderson  
OF MGW STAFF

Verdi's 1846 opera *Attila* is living proof that great composers can write less-than-great operas. The libretto is another of those dreary Italian stories of love versus patriotism, this time during Attila the Hun's thwarted invasion of Rome in the fifth century. Attila is much-impressed by the valor of Odabella, a sort of Italian Brünnhilde, who is in love with the knight Foresto. A subplot involves the love-hatred rivalry between Attila and the Roman general Ezio. Odabella agrees to marry Attila, only to murder him on their wedding night. (The historical Attila did in fact die on his wedding night—one of several hundred such nights!—but most likely from a nosebleed rather than an Italian dagger.)

Verdi's score does little to salvage this far-fetched concoction. Yet some very fine music, beginning with an unexpectedly soft subtle prelude, foreshadows the glories that would follow in a few years. Odabella's dramatic entrance aria requires great vocal leaps and thrust, followed two scenes later by a languid, dreamy aria calling for subtle controlled vocalism. Her duet with Foresto also flows well, and the chorus of hermits has some thrilling ascending passages. But the rest of the music is uninspired stock Italian opera that could be cut-and-pasted into dozens of genre operas of the period. This includes the title part itself! The choral music, reflecting the low quality of Italian choral singing in the 1840s, is mostly one-part sing-song of the simplest variety.

The chief reason for this production was the presence of superstar Samuel Ramey as Attila, who strutted around the stage showing as much skin as decency allowed. His powerful bass was gorgeous to hear, but the mediocrity of the music made one feel that his talents were wasted in this opera. Vladimir Chernov was an excitingly handsome Ezio. His baritone is strong and sweet-sounding but not particularly rich. It has more of the lean Italian sound (like Piero Cappuccilli) than the lush American tone (like Milnes, Warren or Tibbett). The Odabella of Elizabeth Connell was a disaster. Not only does she not look the part of an alluring young woman (she is very obese), but she cannot sing the music either. She was more effective in her opening aria, but completely incapable of the soft arching lines needed later. The painful wailing of tenor Antonio Ordoñez made one thankful for the brevity of Foresto's role. Gabriele Ferro conducted, but there was little he could do to involve one in this cardboard opera.

The attractive romantic sets, showing half-crumbled classical ruins, resembled what one sees in books showing 19th century opera productions. The costumes were fun, stressing the "savagery" of the Huns.

A very exciting performance of Strauss' *Elektra* brought us matricide in Mycenae just in time for the holidays. In her first local Elektra, Gwyneth Jones' soprano seems to grow in size and security with each year. Her immense dramatic sound, secure high C's, and

totally involved acting brought the audience instantly to its feet when she stepped out for her bow. As the applause and bravos continued, a shower of flowers began that was the largest I have ever seen anywhere. She certainly earned this

ovation, although there were some moments of unsteadiness at first and a few notes went astray, especially an egregious one during the recognition scene. Nevertheless she was the greatest Elektra I've ever seen.



Mezzo-soprano Helga Dernesch as Klytemnestra and mezzo-soprano Reveka Mavrovitis as the Trainbearer performed in the San Francisco Opera production of Strauss's *Elektra*.

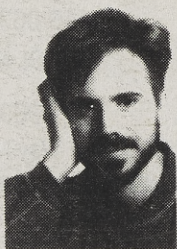


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But this was by no means a one-woman show. Helga Dernesch brought her usual powerful sound and intense acting as Elektra's mother Klytemnestra. The confrontation scene between mother and daughter was chilling. Baritone Tom Fox sounded especially noble as Elektra's brother Orest, but Nadine Secunde was miscast as her sister Chrysothemis. Her voice sounded woolly and did not soar as Strauss demands. In his brief scene, James King masterfully portrayed Aegisth as a puffy weakling. Christian Thielemann (U.S. debut) conducted brilliantly. This opera can sound very noisy, but he deftly brought out the many softly brooding and lyrical passages, making the loud wrenching scenes even more effective.

The quirky Andrei Serban production from Geneva fit the sordid story. Enormous black walls dominated the stage, and a large turntable brought scene changes to this normally single-scene opera. Excesses abounded: Elektra groveled before a gigantic gold statue of her father Agamemnon having an easily recognizable bulge at his crotch; immense animal carcasses hung in the air or were dragged around, presumably some of Klytemnestra's desperate sacrifices to placate her conscience; and Aegisth fondled a large python while singing. This production may not wear well with repeated exposure, but it did capture the depths to which the house of Agamemnon had sunk since his murder. ▼

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# Father of the Bride

by Matthew Kennedy  
OF MGW STAFF

Steve Martin and Diane Keaton star as George and Nina Banks, two successful Southern California business owners. Their twenty-two year old daughter Annie (Kimberly Williams) comes home from an extended stay in Rome to announce that she has fallen in love and is getting married. So begins the painful, hilarious, sad, and very expensive job of putting on a pull-

out-the-stops modern American wedding.

This may sound familiar, since the first *Father of the Bride* was released in 1950 and starred Spencer Tracy and Joan Bennett as dad and mom, with Elizabeth Taylor as the bride. This remake closely follows the original, right down to key scenes and dialogue. Of course lines like "don't forget to fasten your condom" bring a contemporary edge to an otherwise old-fashioned story.

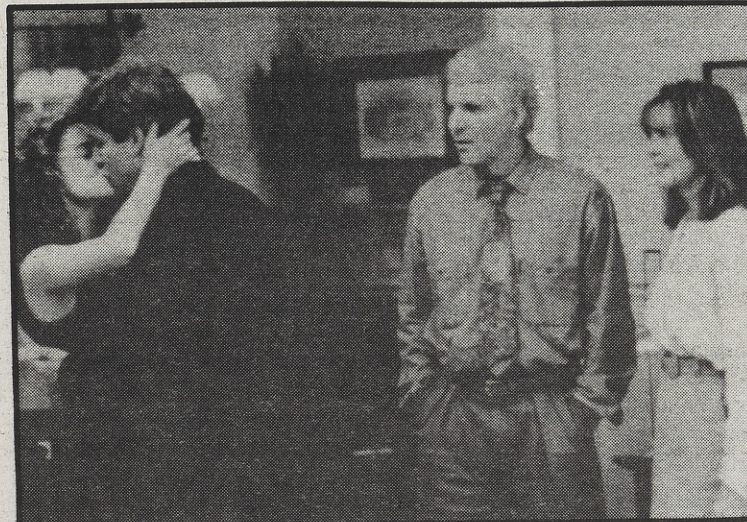
The remake is pleasant, watchable, and very conservative film making. Everybody plays it safe, including the husband and wife team of writer/director/producer Charles Shyer and Nancy Meyers (*Private Benjamin*, *Baby Boom*). Steve Martin does his patented *Parenthood* flustered father act. Why does he object to this marriage when it is so perfect? The

groom's family house and lands in their pool. He goes nuts in a supermarket. He nearly has a stroke as the fiancée fondles Annie's leg. George is, of course, eventually put in his place by his loving and every-patient wife.

Diane Keaton spends most of the movie reacting silently to hubby's outburst. She looks great, but the part is horribly underwrit-

camera, and she could mature into a fine actress. She makes the clichés look almost new. Nobody, however, can save this tired interlude: an at-home basketball game accompanied to the '60s hit "My Girl." Isn't it time such scenes were outlawed?

*Father of the Bride* pushes the right buttons; it's loaded with good sentimentality and timeless family values. When the wedding finally arrives, these people feel like old friends. Old friends who are unusually wealthy, spoiled and a bit hysterical. But never mind, it's all safe, simple, uninspired, and 100% predictable. ▽



Daughter Annie (Kimberly Williams) and her fiancé Bryan (George Newbern) announce their engagement to father-of-the-bride George (Steve Martin) and his wife Nina (Diane Keaton).

groom's family lives in palatial splendor in Bel Air, the groom is a handsome and personable computer genius, and everybody is just overflowing with joy except dad. You see, planning a big wedding is hell for the father, who must foot the bill and watch his precious little girl leave the nest. So he acts irrationally. He snoops around the

ten. Martin Short tries to breathe life into his character of the affected wedding coordinator Franck, but the schtick comes off as forced.

In less sensitive days, Franck would have been portrayed as a flaming queen, but here he is just bizarre and nearly unintelligible. Kimberly Williams has a bright and easy charm in front of the

## Bugsy

by Matthew Kennedy  
OF MGW STAFF

It would seem that America has had its fill of mob movies. There have been dramatic treatments (the *Godfather* trilogy), comedy (*Dick Tracy*), black comedy (*Prizzi's Honor*), something in-between (*GoodFellas*), and many lesser efforts. Now *Bugsy* comes along to prove that the life-of-crime movie is still ripe with possibilities.

As this based-on-fact movie begins, Ben "Bugsy" Siegel (Warren Beatty) is already a hot shot in 1940's gangster circles, cementing deals, icing cheaters, and stepping out on his wife. He meets and is lured to Virginia Hill (Annette Bening), a Hollywood starlet who has been around a few blocks herself. Their unholy alliance is laced with violence, jealousy, passion, and greed. Together with his partners, Ben schemes to build a gambling resort in a sleepy little town in the desert. The resort: the Flamingo. The town: Las Vegas.

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## news

# Court Rules Religious Beliefs Outweigh Housing Rights

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

LOS ANGELES — In a decision that activists say has "locked out" gays and lesbians, the Court of Appeal ruled 2-1 Wednesday, Nov. 27, that the state's interest in preventing discrimination against unmarried couples who live together "is not such a paramount and compelling interest as to outweigh ... the free exercise of religion under the California state constitution."

The case arose when Verna Terry and Robert Wilder tried to rent an apartment in Downey, Calif., from Agnes and John Donahue in 1987. Mrs. Donahue, on learning that Terry and Wilder were not married, refused to rent the unit to them. In court documents, Mrs. Donahue told Terry, "I'm really old-fashioned, and I don't approve of that sort of thing. I don't rent apartments to unmarried couples."

Terry and Wilder filed a complaint with the California Employment and Fair Housing Commission, which ruled in 1988 that the Donahues had violated state law in refusing to rent an apartment to the couple and awarded Terry and Wilder \$7,480 in damages. The appeals court ruling overturns the commission's finding and award.

The Court of Appeal did not deny that the Donahues had broken state anti-discrimination law, but held that they were exempt

because of their "sincerely held religious belief that fornication and its facilitation are sins."

Judge Margaret Grignon, dissenting from the majority opinion of Judges Roger Boren and Paul Turner, said her fellow justices were wrong in allowing such an exemption and cited a U.S. Supreme Court ruling this year upholding the constitutionality of even highly general legislation that only "incidentally" impacts religious beliefs.

"It is inappropriate for courts to determine on a case-by-case basis that the state has a compelling state interest to prevent certain types of employment and housing discrimination but not other," Judge Grignon wrote in her dissenting opinion.

Carol Sobel of the ACLU in Los Angeles said the decision was "a clear invitation to discriminate in housing" because landlords could find "a whole range of reasons" to morally object to prospective tenants' personal behaviors.

Thomas Coleman, an attorney with the Family Diversity Project, said that with an estimated 2.3 million Californians unrelated adults who live together, the potential impact of the decision is enormous.

"For gay and lesbian couples, there is not legal way to get married," Coleman said. "Therefore, they are locked out by this decision."

## entertainment

# Bugsy 'Gathers Steam'

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*Bugsy* works beautifully, it's a crackling good story that gathers steam along the way. Director Barry Levinson (*Rain Man*, *Avalon*) and his design team have recreated the look and sound of the era with painstaking precision. It's a less bloody vision than the *Godfather* trilogy, but the character study is just as compelling. Assembled here is a group of fine supporting players, including Elliot Gould, Harvey Keitel, Ben Kingsley, and Joe Mantegna. Bening, effective in last year's *The Grifters*, proves herself to be today's number one screen femme fatale. She brings a street smart twang and killer survival instincts to a challenging role. Beatty carries the movie's burden; he is in nearly every scene and has never been better. His Ben is alternately charming and chilling as he wins hearts and ruins lives.

It is remarkable that the audience can stay with this grade-A heel as he pursues a crazy dream. Most crime capers look at good and evil rather colorlessly and without

depth. *Bugsy* asks the audience how a sociopath can be a romantic hero, misbegotten family man, Mussolini's would-be assassin, and capitalist freedom fighter all in one. (Beatty has made such anti-heroes his specialty, from *Bonnie and Clyde* to *McCabe & Mrs. Miller*, *Shampoo*, and *Reds*.) In *Bugsy*, the depiction of evil, and our response to it, is very complex. Film goes are richer for it.

*Bugsy* was not easy to finance, since studios were wary of yet another gangster flick. Hasn't America had enough? Evidently not. *Bugsy* has won the Los Angeles Film Critics Best Picture award, and is likely to be nominated for several Oscars. ▼



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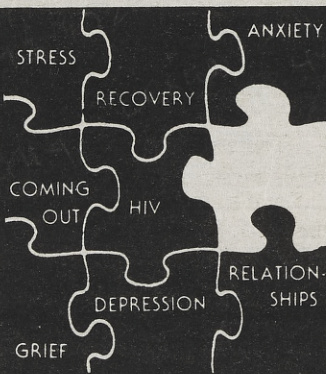
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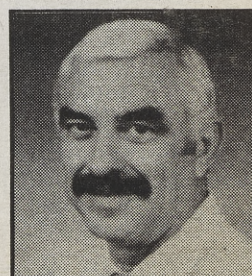
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# The Incomparable Judy Garland Lives On In New Capitol Boxed Set

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Judy Garland died on June 22, 1969. Though I was only eleven at the time, I can still remember the day clearly. As clearly as when John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. were killed. What is it about a performer that should leave such an indelible impression on a young boy? Why would I view her death as a bigger event than the assassinations of some of the world's greatest leaders? Granted, I had little understanding of politics at the time, and what I did know was that Judy Garland was the woman who, as the little girl Dorothy from Kansas, had clicked her heels into the hearts of millions. Millions of which I was just one.

Judy Garland. The actress, the singer. The woman whose private life was filled with the very public spectacle of broken relationships, alcohol and drug problems, and suicide attempts. Judy Garland. The woman who became the icon of every drag star in America and Europe. The woman who had such an enormous gay following that Mel Tormé noted in *The Other Side of the Rainbow*, his 1970 book about her 1963 TV variety series, that Garland's audiences were always "heavily populated with homosexuals" and that he had been told her Madame Crematon number from *Ziegfeld Follies* was "The Faggot's National Anthem." Garland's gay fans were in fact so numerous and so devoted, she herself once stated that when she died the flags would fly half-mast on Fire Island.

She wasn't far off the money. After viewing Judy Garland lying in state that last June of the Sixties, a number of drag queens returned to their favorite bar, the Stonewall, to commiserate over their fallen heroine. The mood was, of course, somber.

It was not the night that the police should go around picking on the queers.

So when the police did raid the Stonewall that very evening, the patrons were not in the mood. For the first time, they fought back. For three days.

Thus, Judy Garland earned her rightful spot in the annals of the history of the modern gay rights movement.

And Capitol Records has finally given us a fitting memorial to the Great Garland. *The One & Only* is an elaborately packaged, three CD/3 cassette boxed set of some of her finest vocal performances, complete with a detailed 56-page booklet containing bio and track-by-track notes.

As the booklet mentions, Judy Garland is thought of first as a film star, and second as a vocalist. In reality, while Garland was an accomplished actress (her performance in 1954's *A Star Is Born* was one of the great dramatic show-

stoppers of its era), she was truly one of the finest vocalists of all time.

Judy Garland was signed by MGM in 1935 where she filmed some 30 movies before being fired in 1950 (it was only days after her dismissal from the movie giant that she made her first suicide attempt). After leaving MGM, she would go on to complete five more films, including the aforementioned *Star Is Born* before her untimely death (by an accidental overdose of sleeping pills). But in those 19 years, Garland played the concert circuit and released album after album of pop standards. It's this period, when Garland recorded primarily for Capitol Records, that is represented in *The One & Only*.

For those unfamiliar with Garland's extraordinary vocal talents, one need only scan any of the three volumes (each about 75 minutes long) included in this set to gain an appreciation for what the Judy Garland name meant. Listen to Volume 1 ("In The Studio"). The 22 songs represented here were all culled from the studio albums released by Capitol between 1955 and 1962, and include some of Garland's most heartfelt performances. "I Hadn't Anyone Till You" is quite possibly Garland's finest single interpretation. She sings with such sincerity, such deep emotion, you know she believes every note she breathes. And you share her emotions. The same goes for the songs of sorrow like "By Myself," "Me and My Shadow" and "Little Girl Blue," all pulled from the *Alone* album. Listen to these songs, and you'll feel the pain that Garland was obviously experiencing during the recording of this album. Unfortunately, *One & Only* does not contain the two most profoundly sad songs ever recorded, Garland's renditions of "Blue Prelude" and "Happy New Year." You'll have to get a copy of *Alone* (which has been previously reissued on CD) if you want to hear these two. But be sure to stock up on an ample supply of Kleenex first.

The second volume, "At The Footlights" contains some of Garland's brilliant live performances from various sources, including selections from her famous Carnegie Hall concert and a previously unreleased duet with daughter Liza Minnelli.



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It's the third volume, "The London Sessions" that is of greatest interest to longtime Garland fans. These 20 cuts, all but six of which were previously unreleased, except in a limited 1972 Capitol Record Club album, are among Garland's most famous standards, re-recorded in full stereo in 1960. These tracks include her only studio recording—to my knowledge—of "Stormy Weather." It also contains a studio recording of "The Man That Got Away," the only previous studio version of which is on the soundtrack of *A Star Is Born*. For those unfamiliar with the

music of Judy Garland, *The One & Only* is a must, and should garner a whole new legion of fans. For the Garland collector, *The One & Only* makes a beautiful new addition—by far the best collection of "Judy's Greatest Hits" yet assembled. And in a holiday season where box sets are increasingly fighting for shelf space, *The One & Only* is one of the few sets that truly matters. Yet, for all its beautiful packaging and expansive repertoire (65 cuts), *The One & Only* is still more of a sampling of a brilliant career rather than a complete body of work. Here's hoping that Capitol Records

will see fit to release in their entirety the rest of the Garland collection from their vaults. While some of Garland's Capitol albums have been available on CD for a few years now (plus one CD, *Judy Garland Live*, a performance of Broadway show tunes that was released by Capitol two years ago for the first time in any format), there are more that deserve to be reissued. Most notably, *Judy In Love*, her concept album *The Letter*, the soundtrack to *I Could Go On Singing*, *Garland At The Grove* and *The Garland Touch*. How about it, Capitol?▼

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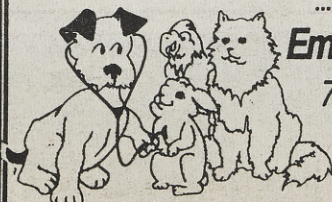
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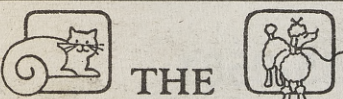
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## media watch

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### New York Times

In the November 14 issue of the New York Times sportswriter Dave Anderson wrote an article entitled "Sorry, but Magic Johnson Isn't a Hero" Anderson declared, "Anybody with a sense of heterosexual responsibility isn't likely to get the HIV virus." What the heck is a sense of heterosexual responsibility, and why is it considered a risk factor in the transmission of HIV? Anderson went on to imply that AIDS is a punishment from God. Write to the New York Times, 229 West 43 Street, New York, NY 10036.

### New York Times: Anna Quindlen

On the positive side, columnist Anna Quindlen stood out as a queen among heterosexuals in her response to the Magic Johnson HIV announcement. Quindlen wrote, "This is what AIDS looks like—good people, lovable people, people you want to hug...Are we finally ready to behave properly instead of continuing to be infected by the horrible virus of bigotry and blindness that has accompanied this epidemic." Write to Quindlen c/o The New York Times, 229 W. 43rd St., NY NY 10036.

### Magic Johnson

So far, Magic Johnson himself has limited his public statements about HIV to promotions of safe sex. His statement on the Arsenio Hall show that he is "far" from being gay brought a homophobic cheer from the audience. We need to educate Magic about the facet that homophobia has been the biggest barrier to combatting AIDS.

Write to Magic Johnson, c/o The Forum, P.O. Box 10, Inglewood, CA. 90306.

### 48 Hours

On October 30, 1991 the CBS news show 48 Hours focused on the way in which people fight crime and included a segment on gay men and lesbians combating bashing. The segment included an interview with a gay bashing victim, and focused on San Francisco's own queer "Street Patrol." They also featured scenes of the Street Patrol working with the Guardian Angels. Write to 48 Hours, 524 W. 57th St., New York NY 10019.

### L.A. Law

The October 31st L.A. Law included a story about gay bashing. Dougals Brackman, a regular character on the show, met a friend for dinner at a gay restaurant and was attacked on leaving. Because he was afraid that others might think him to be gay he refused to press charges against his basher. After agonizing about his cowardice and masculinity, he realized that standing up to homophobic violence was the only "manly" thing to do. Write to Patricia Green, Executive Producer, L.A. Law, 20th Century Fox, 10201 W. Pico Blvd., Bldg. 80 Room 26, L.A. CA 90035.

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## LLP Seeks Advice

The Lambda Letters Project is seeking advice on whether or not to close down its Legislative Telephone Hotline. People with opinions on the subject can call the hotline at (916) 394-3103 and leave a recorded message stating their opinion on the subject.

The Legislative Hotline was established by the Lambda Letters Project in April of 1991. Its purpose is to provide up to the minute information on legislation of interest to women, lesbians and gays and HIV-positive persons. It was hoped that people would call the hotline to get the latest information of interest to them. However, in the nine months of its existence, the hotline has averaged no more than eight or nine callers per month.

Often fast-breaking events in the State Legislature or Congress leave too little time for the writing and collection of letters on impor-

tant legislation. In those cases, it's important to get information out and for people to call their legislators immediately. The telephone hotline was designed as a way of quickly disseminating information and to help people respond quickly with phone calls to their legislators.

Lack of response from the community may have resulted from any of several causes including inadequate publicity about this service, or it may just be that people don't see a need for it.

Boyce Hinman says that Lambda Letters is discussing the possibility of terminating the phone line. However, before the service is discontinued, input on this question is being sought from the community. People with an opinion on the Legislative Hotline are urged to call (916) 394-3103 to register their opinion.▼



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## commentary

# Magic Johnson and American Heroes

by Keith Clark  
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO—We watched the news of Magic Johnson's announcement that he has tested positive for HIV over and over, on several different channels, the day the story broke. We were a handful of more-or-less strangers who came together with little in common other than a mutual acquaintance, and we had little else to do except watch television.

"They're all so happy that he's so upbeat!" I almost shout after seeing the umpteenth rehash of the big Los Angeles Lakers star. "Don't they realize he's going to die? Don't any of them know that it's going to be the gates of hell opening up for him inch by inch?" One astounding stupid reporter at the press conference even asks Johnson what the chances of his recovery are. More than 126,000 people in this country alone dead so far, and some dim-wit jock reporter with a bachelor's degree in journalism from Numskull University wants to know his chances for recovery!?

I am just a bit bent out of shape over the whole thing.

"Yes, it's terrible for Johnson," says Joe, one of the four near-strangers with whom I am temporarily sharing this room, this wall-mounted TV set and this vigil. "But don't you think this can only help? Everybody knows him. Everybody in America now knows someone with AIDS."

We look at one another across the hospital room and then look down at our mutual friend, Roger, who is lying on a bed between us, barely conscious, and dying of AIDS.

Joe and I and a few other people who come and go during the vigil, were there to wait and to watch our friend Roger die. His thick dark hair, shaved for an earlier tumor operation, he does not look like the strapping Magic Johnson; he looks small and vulnerable in the big hospital bed, an oxygen mask covering most of his face and a variety of tubes snaking from his body and across the sheets. Roger isn't expected to live through the night.

Listening to every sports commentator west of Moscow marvel at Johnson's hearty appearance, I wonder to myself if all of them live in such insular worlds that they had never lost a friend to this epidemic, never seen the energy begin to ebb, never watched the slow deterioration of the body as it is invaded by unseen, invincible enemies that chewed up strength, imagination, hope, dreams, resilience, and even love.

Bob, an attorney who has been Roger's partner for years, took a different view of the Magic Johnson to-do. "Sometimes it's just as well that people don't know what ahead of them. He seems to have found out as soon as possible. That's the important thing."

As the lengthening vigil continued, I read every newspaper I could get my hands on, looking for something other than the glossy romanticizing of Johnson's courage and heroic will to "beat this thing," something that spoke to what the semi-strangers gathered in this hospital room had experienced, were now going through and would, in varying ways, continue to feel in the future.

There wasn't much. But watching Roger slip from a barely conscious state to a twilight of morphine-induced state between sleep and coma, it was at least a little comforting to realize that every person in this country was now at least thinking about AIDS, wondering what could be done, how it could be prevented, how it could be cured. After billions of dollars, tens of thousands of deaths, millions of HIV infections, thousands of ACT UP protests, at last the mainstream of this country was paying attention - even if for only a few days, maybe a week or two. There wasn't one sick joke, one veiled allusion suggesting that this was anything less than a tragedy for a man in the prime of his life.

What I longed to hear, however, was some kind of human, cautionary word in the midst of this I-can-do-it fluff, this ersatz movie-of-the-week optimism.

What lies ahead for Magic Johnson, as for all people with AIDS, is a difficult, often nightmarish landscape of emotional, spiritual, psychological and physical terrain that no amount of money or prestige can change.

Friends won't turn against this handsome and brave man because he has AIDS but because they can't face their own mortality or can't bear to watch him slowly deteriorate. Those closest to him will try to make decisions for his health that they feel are best but that he will resist and resent as incursions upon his independence as he in fact grows more dependent upon others. There will be painful treatments and devastating setbacks that will make him wonder if life is worth all this anguish.

He will become depressed and try to hide it, and those near him will urge him to get in touch with his feelings. He will become depressed and show it, and those close to him will wonder how they've failed him.

He will read books, see counselors or join a support group that will purport to explain his and his loved ones' emotional reactions to this disease. But as often as not, he will feel lost, alone and apart from everyone he knows in the world.

He will be angry at the authors/counselors/support groups for presuming to know how he feels and for telling him everything is all right. In turn, all those around him will wonder why he doesn't understand how difficult it is for them, too.

And all the while, the disease will be at work, sometimes repelled

by new medicines and treatments or inexplicable slow downs, but always returning. Just as it did with Roger and the tens of thousands like him. Perhaps the most common thing I hear from people with AIDS about the disease is what Roger once said to me about a year ago: It preoccupies every moment of your life, awake or asleep, until you no longer feel like an individual human being, but the walking disease itself.

Also like Roger, no matter how Magic Johnson bears this deadly burden, it will not save him - or us - from the reality of this epidemic. AIDS has been borne with heroism, with grace, with dignity, even with great, good humor. But unless a cure or some kind of containing treatment is found soon, no amount of wit or pride or honor or courage will stop the ever-widening swath of AIDS.

I suppose what I also wanted someone to at least acknowledge was the 126,000 heroic souls in this country who have already faced what Magic Johnson was now confronted with. What I wanted was, perhaps, someone to say that perhaps it was all just a bit out of proportion to be so shaken because a basketball player is infected with HIV when the deaths of 126,000 Americans - most gay men and IV drug users - hasn't generated the kind of accolades and concern this one man's infection has.

My friend Roger died Monday, Nov. 11. He was 36 years old. He was a fairly successful architect, a nifty pool player, a dreadful gossip and a terrific cook. He loved animals and was passionately concerned that our educational system was failing the country's children. He was also, like Magic Johnson and 126,000 other Americans, a great hero.▼

## Initiative Gets OK

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California Poll released the day after Wilson vetoed the measure showed a 62 percent majority in the state approved of AB-101.

At the same time, a spokesperson with Assemblyman Terry Friedman (D-Sherman Oaks), the author of AB-101, said "there's a good chance" the legislator would introduce a similar or even expanded civil rights bill early next year in spite of the Wilson veto.

The state approval of the initiative language means organizers can start collecting signature immediately.▼



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### Personals-Men

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME? Call 442-0185.

GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE? MGW needs volunteers to do proofreading, answer phones, filing, computer entry, etc. Call 441-NEWS.

1992 Directory of Gay Adult Video, full color photos. \$7.95 each + \$2.50 postage, Dept. 904, 8060 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046-7082. TFN+

Black top seeks older GWM bottom for fun times. I'm young, good looking football type ready for you. Box 11, 1725 L St, Sacramento 95814 X1/1

Wanted-white gay male, early to mid twenties clean shaven, no mustaches or beards. Be blonde hair or close to it—blue eyes wear 501 jeans, high top tennis shoes - be in very good shape - willing to treat me like a baby - change diaper, feed me baby food, put me in a playpen or crib when I need to sleep. Dress me and take me on trips to San Francisco to have friends baby sit me. (916) 726-0320 anytime after 2pm during weekdays or anytime during weekends. X1/1

GWM 37 black curly hair, hazel eyes, hair chest, HIV+ healthy seekss sincere straight acting top man for serious relationship lets meet? No phone, Mark 649-3907. X1/1

GWM, 28, hairy 5'10" 135, brn/grn, HIV+, seeks tall aggressive drk haired top (30+) for fun/ good times/relationship, Kevin 446-1058, 10am-10pm, leave message X1/1

Christmas alone? Don't. Come to the foothills, cozy fire, deck, spa, videos, food, drinks. Free. GM private home. 273-1273, Gene Rial, 10499 Charlie Deacon Road, Nevada City, CA 95959 X1/1

Relationship oriented GWM 31 y.o. 175 lbs blonde hair, hazel eyes. Intense, hopeless romantic into movies, art, dinners, long talks, deep thoughts, self-growth, cuddling, high energy activities, nature, etc. HIV-, light drinker/smoker, not into drugs but into getting high on friends and that special someone. Is that you? Tell me about yourself! Serious only need reply. Write Box #18, 1725 L Street, Sac 95814 X1/1

Attractive hispanic white male wishes to meet well-endowed top man any race, 18-40, macho, handsome only. Write Tony 4308 Figwood Way, Sac 95864 X1/1

"Is there any real" sincere, nice, masculine, average looking GWM, 20-40 who would enjoy as my guest the outdoors, dining out, fun times, building a friendship and hopefully more with a nice, fun, affectionate, generous, sincere average looking 58 y.o. GWM professional, please call collect (209) 478-1699. X1/1

GWM 37 BR HR & eyes, 5'7", 140 lbs hot! Robert, 442-2197. X1/1

Looking for relationship oriented, non-balding GM 27-40. HIV-neg, GWM, n/smkr, 37, slender, BR/BL, seeks romantic, who enjoys movies, hiking, homelife, rollercoasters, travel, biking. 922-4781 X1/1

GWM, 37, 144 lbs, non/smkr, blue eyes, like to meet non-balding GM. Into hiking, movies, gardening, long drives, nature, bicycling. Relationship oriented. (916) 922-4781. X1/15

### Personals-Women

Women Loving Women Workshops Identify core blocks to intimacy. Create loving permanent partnerships. "You can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results!" Phone: (510) 482-1531 for brochure. x4/92

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CAN YOU VOLUNTEER some of your time and talent (photography, proofreading, computer inputting) to MGW? Call 441-NEWS.

DESPERATELY SEEKING TRACY, We finally danced Saturday, 11-23 at Faces but you were too quickly whisked away. Let's talk Christine 451-5163.

GWF into the arts, outdoors, travel, fitness seeks same, 35-48, non butch, non smoker for fun, possible relationship, Box 14, 1725 L St. 95814.

Classy, sensuous, beautiful-eyed archaeological Ph.D. cand., vivacious, erudite. Are you cultured, unpretentious, dynamite in bed and well-educated? Box 10, 1725, L. St. Sacramento, 95814 X1/1

Are you bright, attractive, examining, 35-45 years old? Do you value communication, commitment, self-awareness, health, autonomy, creativity, passion, humor and friendship? I do and I'd like to hear from you. Box 17, 1725 L St, 95814 X1/1

### Products

Pink Triangle decal with logo "Be Proud", 3"x3". \$1.50 each, 12 for \$15 + 50 cents p/h. BE PROUD, Box 1364, Davis, CA 95617. X1/1

### Roommates

South Natomas 2 bdrm/2 bath condo to share w/39 yr old gwm nonsmkr \$350 + half util Call after 5pm 648-9722. X1/1

GWM mature to share 2 bdrm apt all amenities working, non smoker. \$197.50 + 1/2 util., north area 349-1770. x1/15

To share 3BR 2BA home in West Sacramento \$330/mo, utilities included, tennis, swimming pool, 371-8719. X1/1

Davis-quiet, non-smoking GM (prefer grad student) wntd to share 3BD 2 BTH house, w/d. \$300/mo (350 w/extra room) + share util. Tim 756-2871 after 7pm

Room for rent in downtown victorian, \$270.00/month + 1/3 util., Leave message at 537-9486. x1/15

Want caring couple for my renovated 1500 sq. ft home, 2 bed/2 bath secluded on acre, 5 mins from downtown Placerville, 489-2871, males preferred, \$900/sec. deposit. x1/15

### Services

Gay Traffic School classes at Lambda Center 1931 L St. 1-800-748-5933.

Enjoy the comfort and convenience of a sensual full body massage in your home. Evening same day next day appt. Chuck CMT 783-9669. TFN

Quality massage for men. Enjoy a friendly, relaxing, sensuous, full-body Swedish massage by a handsome young bodybuilder. You never knew your body could feel so good! Special winter rate. \$35/1 1/4 hr., Scott, CMT, 646-3573. x3/15/92

### Wanted

NOW AND AGAIN buys good used button-up Levis 501's, & Levi jackets, 2101 L St. 447-9443.

Small baby refrigerator wanted to store dark-room photographic paper and film for MGW newspaper. Must be in good running order. Real cheap or free would be nice!! 441-6397.

## classified/personals/business directory

Mail to: MGW 1725 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814



## ▼ calendar DECEMBER

### ▼ 31 - Tuesday

**New Year's Eve Gala**, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 60's music, Gourmet Dinner Menu, 985-6361.

**Annual New Years Eve Dinner & Dance**, sponsored by Bay Area Career Women, Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St, S.F., 7:30pm, 415-495-5393.

**New Year's Eve with Funny Gay Males**, stand-up comics, Josies CABARET and Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, S.F., 8&10pm, \$10, 415-861-7933.

**New Year's Eve Celebration**, straight & gay dance, Eastern Star Temple, 2719 K St., sponsored by Lambda Community Center, Sacramento County Green Party & Central America Action Committee., 8:30pm, tickets \$10, 447-7211.

## JANUARY

### ▼ 2 - Thursday

**GLAAD Rap Group**, 514 Castro St, S.F., 7pm, 861-4588.

### ▼ 4 - Saturday

**Women's Flag Football**, Highlands Sport Complex, Sharks vs Bruised Belly But-tons, 10 am; Our Team vs Hittin' Misses, 11 am; Tight Ends vs Options, 12 pm; Waves Bye.

### ▼ 6 - Monday

**"Day Without Art"**, World AIDS Memorial Day telecast on Channel 17 public access, 9-10pm.

**"Kick the Smoking Habit"**, classes last 7 weeks, YWCA, 1122 17th St, 442-4741.

### ▼ 7 - Tuesday

**"Day Without Art"**, World AIDS Memorial Day telecast on Channel 17 public access, 4-5pm.

### ▼ 8 - Wednesday

**"Day Without Art"**, World AIDS Memorial Day telecast on Channel 17 public access, 11-12am.

### ▼ 9 - Thursday

**Business Alliance of Networking Gays**, general meeting, Joseph's Town & Country, 863-2518.

### ▼ 11 - Saturday

**Women's Flag Football Tournament**, Highlands Sport Complex

**"to the center"**, by Sandy Parris, I.D.E.A., 3414 4th Ave, Jan 11-Feb 22, Reception Jan 11, 7pm, lecture Feb 5 6pm., 452-0949.

**SACWN Joanne Loulan**, night of comedy, 447-7255.

### ▼ 12 - Sunday

**A Gospel Celebration Fit for a King**, KVIE Channel 6, 4pm.

### ▼ 13 - Sunday

**Godspell (audition)**, directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, 7pm, 449-7228.

### ▼ 14 - Monday

**Godspell (audition)**, (See Jan 13.)

### ▼ 15 - Tuesday

**Godspell (audition)**, (See Jan 13.)

### ▼ 17 - Friday

**Healthy Relationships: What Are They & How to Have One**, Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change, Linda Barnard, PhD, MFCC, 7pm, 687-7282.

### ▼ 18 - Saturday

**Greater Sacramento Area Couples**, Lambda Center, 6pm, 726-3661.

**"Holly Near the Dance Brigade"**, Mission High School Auditorium, S.F., Tickets \$12-\$15, (415) 541-0800.

### ▼ 21 - Tuesday

**King: A Filmed Record—From Montgomery to Memphis**, KVIE Channel 6, 11pm.

**"Over Our Heads"**, comedy improv & musical troupe, presented by BACW, Central Valley, Modesto, 8pm, tickets \$8 members advance, \$10 non-members advance, \$12 all at door, 209-527-8237.

### ▼ 14 - Friday

**Winter Magic**, Sacramento Ballet, 8pm, 449-5181.

### ▼ 15 - Saturday

**Winter Magic**, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

## APRIL

### ▼ 5 - Sunday

**Tim Warford Memorial Bowlathon to "STRIKE OUT AIDS"**, sponsored by LAMBDA Community Center and Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Land Park Bowl, afternoon, 442-0185.

#### TV Watching

**"Being Gay Today"**—weekly new one-hour gay & lesbian programming airs on Channel 18 on Tuesdays from 10-11pm and is repeated on Thursdays 9-10pm.

## ▼THEATRE

**"Say It With Music,"** Rosemary Clooney and Michael Feinstein, Dec 11-Jan 5, 8 pm, Curran Theatre, San Francisco, 415-956-4781.

**"Broadway Bound"**, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, thru Jan 12, 985-6361.

**Leesha Divar** (Singing, Comedy), Our Place, Thursday Nights, 8:30-10:30 pm, 649-8420.

**Neil Simon's Broadway Bound**, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre in Rancho Cordova, thru Jan 12, 985-6361.

## ▼GALLERIES

**Theatre in Revolution: Russian Avant-Garde Stage Design 1913-1935**, M.H. deYoung Museum, SF, thru Feb 16, 1992, 415-750-3636

**Joyce Abreu Gallery**, Will Kissmer, Christel Verhalen, Neil Korpi, Aquatone-Mezzotone-Engraving Artist, 3712 Auburn Blvd, thru Jan 92.

**Crocker Art Museum**, Wed thru Sun., 10 am-5 pm. Extended hours Thurs til 9 pm 1421 K Street, 449-6711.

**Suzanne Siegal, Virginia Stearns & Katherine Wells**, sculptors explore the female body, Matrix Members' Gallery, 1725 I St, thru Feb 14, 441-4818.

**Anita Lee**, designer of elegant jewelry & fiber wall sculpture, Matrix Members' Gallery

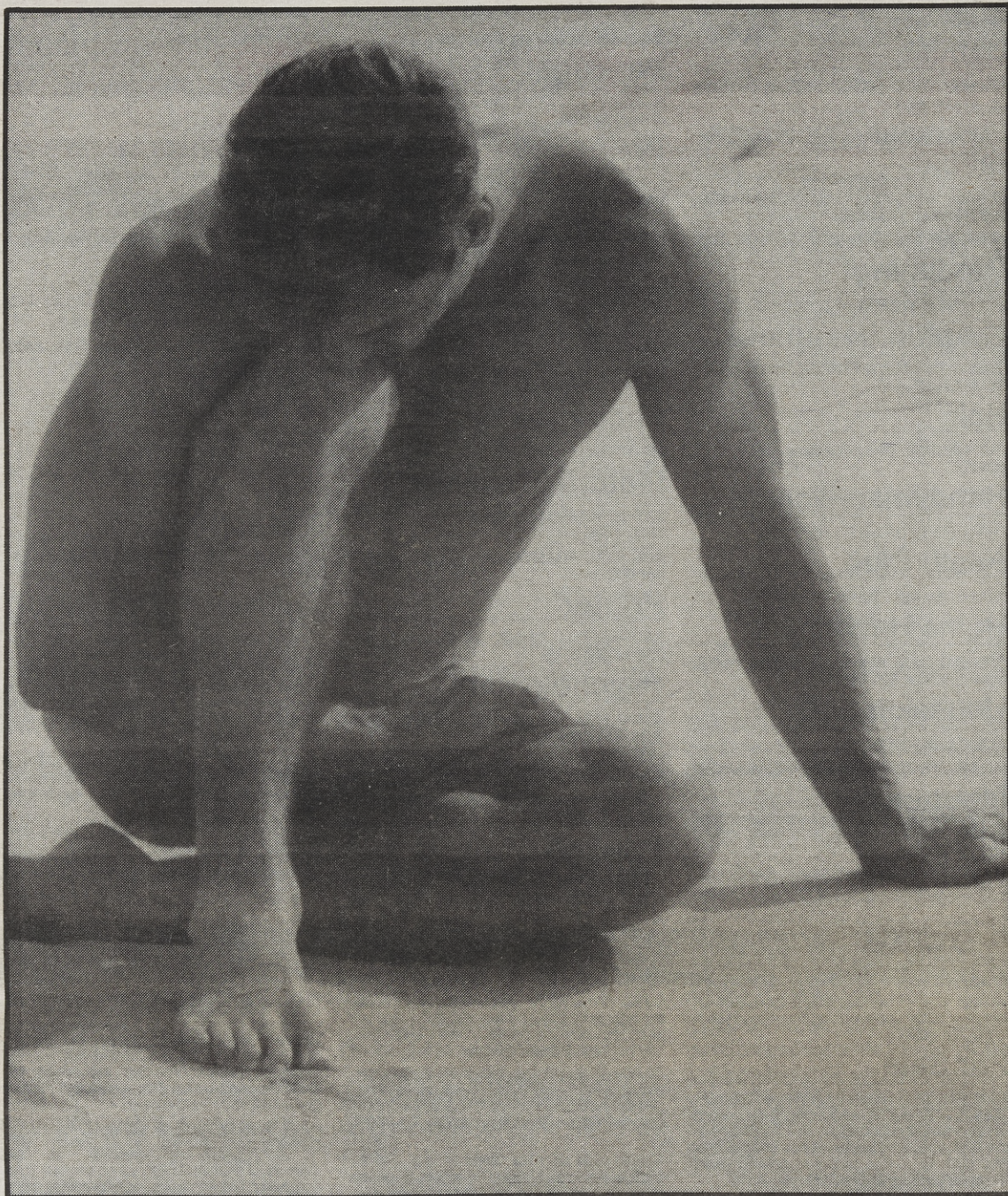
**Palmer** (acrylic paintings), **McNeill** (drawings), **Rincon** (ceramic sculpture), **Michael Himovitz Gallery**, 1020 Tenth St, Sacramento, Jan 8-Feb 2, 448-8723.

**Margaret Maye New Work** (pastel on sandpaper), Himovitz Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane, Sacramento, Jan 7-Feb 2, 925-5917.

**Gregory** (watercolors), **Lecompte** (Acrylic on canvas), **Monson** (Acrylic on canvas), **Davis** (Porcelain sculpture), **Spectrum Himovitz Gallery**, 511 Harrison, S.F., Jan 9-Feb 29, (415) 495-1113.

### Couples Group Now Forming

Greater Sacramento Area Couples is now being formed as a member of COUPLES NATIONAL NETWORK, INC. It is a group that will provide a social/educational environment for lesbian and gay couples. There are no religious or political affiliations. The first meeting will be Jan 18th at 6pm, at the Lambda Community Center. There will be planned socials and educational meetings with couples in mind. For information call Bob or Ken at 726-3661.▼



## AIDS Fundraising Calendar Available

The 1992 AIDS Benefit Calendars are available from 1992 AIDS Benefit Calendar, Box 34012, San Diego, CA 92163. Enclose check or money order (payable to AIDS Benefit Calendar) for \$10 plus \$2.25 shipping and handling. (Donations presented to organizations in cities other than San Diego are based in part on support received from that area.)

### ▼ 22 - Wednesday

**"Day Without Art"**, World AIDS Memorial Day telecast on Channel 18.

### ▼ 24 - Friday

**"Sandra Bernhard"**, "Giving til it hurts", 982 Market St, S.F., 8pm, \$20-\$22.50.

## FEBRUARY

### ▼ 1 - Saturday

**Ms. Sacramento Valley Leather '92 Contest**, sponsored by Sacramento Leather Association, Joseph's Town & Country, 8pm, proceeds to benefit W.E.A.V.E. and Hope House, tickets \$7 advance & \$10 at door, 391-8326 or 988-0920.

SACWN Valentine Dance, 447-7255.

## MARCH

### ▼ 6 - Friday

**Godspell**, directed by Donna J. Sparks, sponsored by Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, Sacramento City College, 7pm, 449-7228.

### ▼ 7 - Saturday

**Godspell**, (See March 6.)

### ▼ 11 - Saturday

**"Camping Women"**, Apr 11-19, National Camping Women Desert Caravan Trip to San Felipe, Baja CA, 689-9326.

### ▼ 24 - Friday

**Romeo & Juliet**, Sacramento Ballet, 8pm, 449-5181.

### ▼ 25 - Saturday

**Romeo & Juliet**, Sacramento Ballet, 2pm & 8pm, 449-5181.

**March On Washington**, April 25, 1993. Plan to be there!

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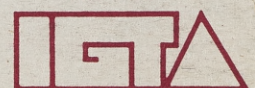
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